



MOTT HALL
CHARTER SCHOOL
RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

MOTT HALL CHARTER SCHOOL

July 1, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees (the “**Board**” or “**BoT**”) of the Mott Hall Charter School (the “**MHCS**”), was held at Mott Hall Charter School, Annex of 1260 Franklin Avenue between 168th and 169th Street, Bronx, NY 10459 on July 1st, 2014 beginning at approximately 5:30 p.m. local time pursuant to notice duly given.

Attendance

The following Trustees were present at the meeting: **Brenda Bravo, Sarah Calderon, Jesse Margolis, Charles Stern, and Natalie Thompson.**

The following school staff members participated in person: **Bob Lesser, Executive Director- MHCS**

Patrick Awosogba, Matthew Friedman, Peter Oroszlany, and Francesca Weindling were absent from the meeting.

No parents and/or guests attended this meeting.

Sarah Calderon presided at this meeting and Natalie Thompson recorded the minutes as secretary.

Call to order and Public Comment

After noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order. Ms. Calderon reviewed the agenda and opened the floor for public comment.

Board Motions and Approvals

1. Acknowledgement of the Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes. Charles Stern made a motion to approve the June 17, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Jesse Margolis. They were reviewed and unanimously approved by the BoT.



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Executive Director Updates

Board Packet Review - Mr. Lesser briefly reviewed the contents of the Board Packet highlighted below. Packets were available prior to Board meeting.

Academic, High School Placement, and Enrichment Program

- 8 MHCS staff members will attend the AVID Summer Institute on July 7th – 9th
- Curriculum Writing Intensive focusing on UBD/IB Unit Planner and Culminating Project will occur July 15th – 18th
- 30 of our rising 8th grade scholars will attend the Artworks internship program by Casita Maria at MHCS to avoid the “summer slide” and to activate their college/career readiness training
- 10-15 of our rising 7th and 8th grade boys will participate in our Scholar Athlete Summer Activation Academy

Staffing

- Staffing process for next year is nearing completion. More than half of positions are filled and interviews are underway for ELA, Spanish, SPED and Technology
- Staff orientation is scheduled for August 11th

Accountability

- Jesse Margolis will continue to work with MHCS on modifications to Accountability system

Operations, HR and Finance

- No new updates

Development

- Margaret Fredrickson, Director of Development at World Learning joined as Development Consultant. Margaret concluded her assessment of MHCS Development Strategy and will begin to refine our FY15 development plan, highlighting specific goals, building a case for support, refining donor cultivation strategy, creating our top 10 prospect list and a suite of communications templates for MHCS



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Siting and Elected Official Engagement

- We will meet with the building developer to discuss adding a Right to Buy provision in our lease order for the lease to stay in effect

Board Recruitment

- We are continuing to recruit new potential Board members. See attached attendance log

Committee/ Taskforce and other Updates

Academic Taskforce – will continue to review the MHCS Accountability Report. Board member Jesse Margolis is reviewing our current metric with an eye toward streamlining the current data points to achieve greater efficiency and accuracy in data collection

Development Taskforce – will work with the Development Consultant on Development Strategy for 2015

Finance Committee – no updates.

Executive Committee - no updates.

Forward Agenda

1. Committee/Taskforce Updates
2. Board Packet Review



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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Thompson
Secretary

APPROVED:

Sarah Calderon
Chair

C. STERN

BOARD MEMBER