



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
MOTT HALL CHARTER SCHOOL

October 15, 2013

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 October 15, 2013, beginning at approximately 5:30 p.m. local time pursuant to notice duly given.

Attendance

The following Trustees were present in person at the meeting: **Brenda Bravo, Sarah Calderon, Xenia Cox, Peter Oroszlany, Charles Stern, and Natalie Thompson.**

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

Patrick Awosogba, David Tinagero and Francesca Weindling were absent from the meeting.

No parent(s) 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. No public comment.

Acknowledgement of the Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2013 meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved by the BoT.

Executive Director Updates



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

Academic and Enrichment Program

The school will be utilizing the Wilson reading intervention. Teachers have begun Wilson training as a Response to Intervention service. The Danielson Rubric has been introduced to teachers with a focus on the Engaging Students in Learning Domain. Interim assessment data will be analyzed to determine implications for instruction at the end of this month.

The Afterschool Enrichment Program began September 30th. 73% (110) of our students are participating in Afterschool Enrichment. Enrichment offerings include STEM Club, Tech Team, Green Team, Chess Club, Fashion Club, Dance Squad, Jazz Ensemble and Student Athlete Program.

Social and Emotional Health

Right Choice Development System – We have started Our Right Choice Development system, which coaches discipline in terms of making the proper choices and provides students with an opportunity to reflect on poor choices with a chance to make amends and restore whatever relationships have been damaged.

Mental Health Community Outreach

A resource guide is being developed in order to assist parents with securing needed services.

Staffing

We are still seeking a Special Education teacher. We have no other open positions at this time.

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Jesse Margolis has completed his initial engagement with MHCS. We are proposed to extend his contract through December to train staff in the production of the Q1 Accountability report.

Siting and Elected Official Engagement

The Joint Public Hearing for MHCS' extension of co-location proposal was held on October 8th. The school collected 63 signed parent letters and approximately 9 parents spoke in support of our school. The PEP vote will be held Tuesday, October 15th to determine our long-term co-location status.

Committee/ Taskforce and other Updates

Fundraising Taskforce presented the current plan for our first fundraiser which will take place January 28, 2014 at Amali Restaurant (60th between Park and Lexington Avenue).

Board members will volunteer to be members of the event Host Committee and we have engaged an events planner to assist with administrative details.

Finance Committee reviewed the audit report.

No other Committee/Taskforce updates

Board Approvals

Due to changes in banking oversight the Board unanimously approved the following changes:

Bob Lesser's title will be changed to "President" for banking purposes in order to administer the bank account and Michael Williams will be added to the bank account as an additional check signer.

Jesse Margolis' Whole Child Accountability system contract will be extend through November for an additional \$8,000 to produce the Q1 MHCS Accountability report and to train MHCS staff in the data collection and generation necessary to produce this report for Q2 and beyond.



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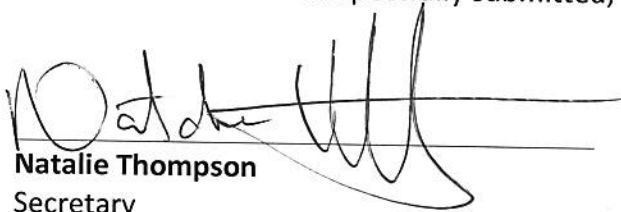
Forward Agenda

1. Committee/Taskforce Updates
2. Board Packet Review

Adjournment

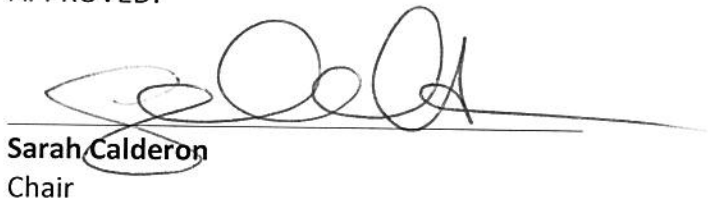
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Natalie Thompson
Secretary

APPROVED:



Sarah Calderon
Chair