



MOTT HALL CHARTER SCHOOL

RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes February 16th, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees (the “Board” or “BoT”) of the Mott Hall Charter School (the “MHCS”) was held on the above date beginning at 5:35 p.m. local time pursuant to notice duly given.

Attendance

- The following Trustees were present: Natalie Thompson (Video Conference), Karen Bhatia (Video Conference), Sandra Lugo (Video Conference), Francesca Weindling (Visual Conference), Don Mabrey (Video Conference), Dr. Patrick Awosogba (Video Conference), Luis Quan (Video Conference)
- The following Trustees were absent: Jason Caldwell and Kevin Murungi

The following school staff and guests were present: Connie Lobdell, Principal and Executive Director; Yvette Colon, Director of Operations (DOO); and Josh Moreau, Financial Consultant

Call to Order, Public Comment and Board Discussion

- After noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.
- No public with comments.
- Natalie Thompson:
 - Welcomed new board members: Don Mabrey, Luis Quan and Dr. Patrick Awosogba
 - Approval of January 24th, 2023 minutes
- Josh Moreau:
 - Financial Update
 - Month of January was profitable
 - Increase in enrollment
 - There are two (2) grants which have been helpful. One grant to expire September 2023 and the other September 2024
 - There is a 4-1/2% increase in per pupil rate
 - Per pupil rate increase would give north of \$18,000 per student
 - Natalie Thompson: When will increase be approved and implemented? Josh Moreau will know more at the end of April 2023 and inform board how much it will give the school.
 - Natalie Thomson asked: Will additional enrollment in September give the school a surplus: Josh Moreau informed the school would be in a good place.
 - Will meet with Finance Committee at the beginning of April 2023.
 - Will meet with Connie Lobdell for planning.
- Connie Lobdell:
 - State outreach: Still waiting to hear regarding who will be liaison. Still up in the air and will be getting a mid-year visit from state. Will continue to check the portal.
 - Without a liaison wasn't able to submit a material change to reduce the enrollment number.
 - Concerns to be addressed with liaison when assigned.
 - Pandemic is still affecting students and staff members.
 - Lost more staff in February in 7th grade
 - Lack of instructional consistency in 7th grade
 - District 9 is the poorest district in the New York City
 - Don Mabrey asked what scores looked like
 - Dr. Awosogba asked how many of the staff members were ELA and math
 - Connie Lobdell: 8 are ELA and math

- Grants for sports equipment: Leveling the Playing Field and GoFundMe
- Intervisitations
- Community Events:
 - Trip to Albany – partnered with Dr. Richard Izquierdo Health & Science Charter School (DRIHSCS)
 - Parent to Parent Meeting – DRIHSCS will be joining
 - 2nd Annual Carnival Event
 - Virtual Open House – 2/28/23 and 3/27/23
 - Onsite Open House – 3/18/23
- Natalie Thompson:
 - Asked Yvette Colon to forward Dr. Awosogba’s Instructional Audit Report to Board Members for review
 - Connie Lobdell has sent an email to the State regarding liaison
 - What will reprogramming look like at next board meeting?
- Yvette Colon:
 - Reviewed Accountability Dashboard
 - December enrollment: 225 and January enrollment: 223
 - Promoting staff attendance
- Dr. Patrick Awosogba:
 - Suggested ELA in History/Humanities teaching
 - International Baccalaureate (IB) should be restarted – rebuild program
 - Playing field is not level in the district
 - Restructuring of school organization
- Don Mabrey:
 - Consider involving Deans in teaching a block a day as well as other administrative staff
 - Changes culture of how teaching staff sees administrative staff, etc.
 - All hands on deck
- Kevin Murungi:
 - Would like to see list of high schools students have applied to
 - Yvette Colon:
 - High school application period
 - Working on list of high schools students have applied to.
 - Some acceptances should be in placed by next board meeting.
 - Asked Charter Center for list of charter high schools students have applied to.

Board Motions and Approvals

1. Motion to approve January 25th, 2023 minutes made by Karen Bhatia, and seconded by Francesca Weindling - Board reviewed and unanimously approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Lugo, Secretary

APPROVED:
Sandra Lugo
Name



Signature

March 14 2023
Date

All trustee meetings for Mott Hall Charter School are open meetings subject to the NYS open meetings law. While we encourage public participation and provide a designated time for public comment, individuals are limited to two minutes total of public comment each, unless the Board asks for additional feedback. All trustees and members of the public must abide by norms around professionalism and civility in their comments. Complaints against a specific employee or public comments that may reveal confidential information will, consistent with the open meetings law, be handled through our dispute resolution process or may be heard in executive session.