



MOTT HALL CHARTER SCHOOL

RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

November 29th, 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 via video conferencing: Dr. Patrick Awosogba, Karen Bhatia, Sandra Lugo, Francesca Weindling, and Don Mabrey
- The following trustees were absent: Luis Quan and Jason Caldwell
- The following school staff and guests were present: Connie Lobdell, Principal and Executive Director

Call to Order, Public Comment and Board Discussion

After noting that a quorum was present, Dr. Patrick Awosogba called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Dr. Patrick Awosogba:

- Approval of October 11th, 2023, Board meeting minutes.
 - Motion made by Sandra Lugo and seconded by Karen Bhatia
- Approval for a material change in the student enrollment of Mott Hall Charter School from 280 students to 210 students.
 - Motion made by Karen Bhatia and seconded by Sandra Lugo
- Budget
 - Connie Lobdell informed that grants have come in.
- Enrollment
 - Sandra Lugo – enrollment problematic across city
- An action plan needs to be discussed and implemented.
- Spoke to two individuals who are interested in joining the Board. Will forward resumes.
- Will be visiting MHCS on Friday, December 1st, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.
- Asked about open houses for parents and any additional open houses that are planned.

Connie Lobdell:

- Have had one open house.
- Next open house scheduled for December 12th, 2023, during Parent-to-Parent.
- Three (3) additional open houses are planned before the lottery in April.
- Parents/families are invited to come back to the planned open houses and encouraged to bring other parents/families.
- First Parent-to-Parent had an attendance of 97.
- Alumni are invited to speak to parents/families.
- Sharing a full program and providing answers to anything they need to know.
- Multiple events are planned.

Don Mabrey:

- Potential Site
 - Need to schedule a visit.
 - Available times and dates: December 4-7, either 10:00 a.m. or 3:00 p.m.
 - Connie Lobdell – visitation of potential site important since parents have had questions and concerns regarding a new site for the school.
 - Dr. Patrick Awosogba asked Connie Lobdell to create a calendar for board members to indicate when they can do a visit to a potential site.

Dr. Patrick Awosogba called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Don Mabrey and seconded by Francesca Weindling.

Board Motions and Approvals

1. Motion to approve October 11th, 2023, minutes made by Sandra Lugo, and seconded by Karen Bhatia - Board reviewed and unanimously approved.
2. Motion for a material change in the student enrollment of Mott Hall Charter School from 280 students to 210 students made by Karen Bhatia and seconded by Sandra Lugo – Board reviewed and unanimously approved.
3. Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Don Mabrey 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 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Lugo, Secretary

APPROVED:
Sandra Lugo
Name



Signature

November 29th, 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 the executive session.