



Storefront Academy Charter School
June 2024 Board Meeting
Thursday, June 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES

Trustees: Richard Bayles, Gretchen Pusch, Amanda Low, Peter Low, Jonathan Stearns, Jewell Stewart, **Staff:** Aniberca Abreu, Aldenys Bido, Tim Brown, Rebecca Brunie, Taleema Chesney, Mr. Class, Ms. Debbie, Grace Dinunzi, Nidia Evangelista, Julissa Fernandez, Yoselyn Fernandez, Amia Fisher, Hannah Fitsum, Nicole Garcia, Maurissa Hankey, Ms. Henry, Milly Jimenez, Robert Keogh, Charisse Lewis, LaShawn Lewis, Marie Lucas, Rachel Marshall, Patricia Martinez, Nereida Morales, Sarah Panameno, Stephanie Reeder, Yubdeley Ricardo, Lorena Rodriguez, Carol Singletary, Mercedes Soto, Desiree Soulet, Darleney Tejada, Matthew Tiwary, Katherine Vasquez, Wilson Villafana **Other Attendees:** Angela Applewhite, Annicia, LaTasha B., Bre, Fanta Brown, Elizabeth Clinton, Destiny Duncan, Shalayah Ford, Ms. Green, Andrew Hallums, Ms. Harvey, Shadaya Holmes, Ms. Jones, Steven Murray, Brook Parent, DeniLee Peroza-Wyne, Shaniqua, Susana Saldivar, Diondre Young

RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

- June 2024 board meeting agenda
- Storefront Academy Financial Dashboard

MEETING MINUTES

- 1. Call to order and adoption of meeting minutes (00:00-00:32)**
 - a. Richard Bayles called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. EST.
 - b. Adoption of the May board meeting minutes will take place at the next board meeting.
- 2. Financial report (0:33-8:21)**
 - a. Robert Keogh expressed that the financial forecast experienced low material change this year.
 - b. Storefront is currently exceeding SUNY standards for "Current Ratio," "Days of Cash," "Quick Ratio," and "Debt-to-Asset Ratio." Net margin is forecasted at 2%.
 - c. There have been no updates regarding enrollment since last month. Year-end enrollment: 90 students at the Harlem campus (H); 267 students at the South Bronx campus (SB).
 - d. YTD surplus of \$103K networkwide. A \$900K revenue shortfall due to enrollment was offset by \$890K in salary/tax savings. May closed with a cash balance of \$1.29M. YTD net income of \$103K pushed the organization's equity balance to \$1.77M. Fixed assets valued at ~\$450K.
- 3. Development update (08:22-12:39)**
 - a. Nidia Evangelista reported that Storefront submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Justice for \$1M. Updates will be shared in late September.
 - b. Meeting with Street Lab to discuss the use of streets to optimize student play. Met with Senator Sepúlveda to pursue potential discretionary funding.
 - c. Marie Lucas reported that a draft of the district safety plan will be posted on the website for public comment. The board will approve the plan at the August board meeting.
- 4. Public comment (12:40-44:29)**
 - a. Richard Bayles opened the meeting to public comment.
 - b. Shalayah Ford, a Harlem parent, expressed her concern that the Storefront administration is hyperfocused on enrollment numbers. She shared that if there is a change in leadership in Harlem, she will not re-enroll her family. Mr. Bayles responded that the school must be funded for it to exist, so it's imperative that the board discuss the budget in board meetings. He clarified that Storefront's culture still centers on the health and well-being of its students.



- i. Annicia Thomas (Harlem parent), Susana Saldivar (Harlem parent), Elizabeth Clinton (Harlem parent), Steven Murray (Harlem parent), Wilson Villafana (Harlem creative movement teacher), Denise Jones (Harlem parent), and two other Harlem parents echoed Ms. Ford's support for the current leadership at Harlem.
 - c. Fanta Brown, a parent, expressed support for the leadership change at Harlem.
 - d. Mr. Bayles closed the meeting to public comment.
- 5. **Leadership reports (44:30-1:16:38)**
 - a. **(44:44-48:29)** Enrollment
 - i. South Bronx (SB) enrollment sits at 275 students; 1 more than in May, on budget.
 - ii. Harlem (H) enrollment sits at 96 students; 2 more than in May, 24 below budget.
 - iii. Prior to the April 4th lottery, SB and H had 138 and 93 completed and vetted applications in PowerSchool, respectively. The lottery added 58 (SB) and 40 (H) seats. There have been 46 (SB) and 23 (H) registrations for the 2024-5 year, 0 (SB) and 1 (H) of which came through Schola. 9 (SB) and 6 (H) recruitment events attended this trimester.
 - iv. Working well: Walk-ins, family referrals, site visits. Needs improvement: Getting new families to attend events, Schola.
 - b. **(48:30-49:45)** Summer school staff vacancies
 - i. One current vacancy at Harlem (rising second-grade teacher). No vacancies at SB.
 - ii. Working well: Staff participation in process. Needs improvement: Tracking system.
 - c. **(49:46-50:59)** SACS Extended Day after-school program
 - i. Application for a very competitive three- to five-year NYS LEAPS grant was not funded in the first round. Storefront is on the waitlist for additional funding.
 - ii. Price quotes have been requested from Art in the Park and I'Raise for extended day programming. Funding status updates will be given at the July meeting.
 - d. **(51:00-1:16:38)** Academic and cultural highlights
 - i. NWEA MAP data: ELA and math score comparison between fall 2023 and spring 2024.
 - 1. SB: ELA improved by 14 points; math improved by 8 points. Returning students outperformed new students by 5-8% in ELA and by 4-7% in math.
 - 2. H: ELA improved by 3 points; math declined by 1 point.
 - 3. Working well: Student goal-setting, spelling bees, Exact Path. Needs improvement: Timing of spring MAP, attendance challenges.
 - ii. Photos and videos highlighted students' preparation for MAP assessments and special events across the two campuses.
- 6. **Board Committee reports (1:16:39-1:16:58)**
 - a. Nothing to report from the Academic Committee nor the Governance Committee.
- 7. **Closing comments and motion to adjourn (1:16:59-1:17:20)**
 - a. Mr. Bayles adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m. EST.