

10/17/2019
70 E. 129th Street, New York, NY

Trustees in Attendance: Jonathan Stearns, Peter Low, Amanda Low, Richard Bayles, Gretchen Pusch, Eileen Niedzwiecki, Susan Reid, Tanya Hoffler Moore, Carrie Sealy, Video Conference- (Noel Acey).

Staff in Attendance: Dr. Nicole Garcia (CEO), Ms. Chesney (Harlem Principal), Ms. Singletary (South Bronx Principal), Ms. Johnson (Assistant Principal Harlem), Stuart Wolf (Director of Finance), Natalia Perez (Director of Communications)

Mr. Stearns called the meeting to order at 6:14pm

1. **A) Vote for New Board Members**

Mr. Stearns asked if all are in favor of Noel Acey and all agreed
Mr. Stearns asked if all are in favor of Tanya Hoffler Moore and all agreed

2. **B) Minutes**

Mr. Stearns motioned to approve the minutes
All move in favor to approve - all agreed unanimously.

3. **C) Finances**

1. 1) Mr. Wolf said we are looking to gain more funding for special education students
2. 2) Dr. Garcia said that we should also be able to gain funding by hiring a speech provider

who works in the schools instead of contracting outside of the schools.

3. 3) Mr. Wolf said that overall we have a surplus in our budget but that our cash flow can be

better.

4. 4) Dr. Garcia said that we should see a surplus again when we receive grant funds in the

coming months.

D) Operational Board Report

1) Dr. Garcia said that there are improvements being made at both the Harlem and South Bronx campuses. She said that the boiler in Harlem was supposed to be replaced, but that it should be fixed very soon.

E) School Report

1) Dr. Garcia said that next week there would be a hearing at Heketi Charter School for SUNY. She said that anyone can get up and speak for two minutes and that the entire school has been asked to attend and show support.

Dr. Garcia also said that SUNY will be interviewing the Board on the 29th at 5:30pm and the board will be receiving a pre-visit call talking about specific details of the school.

Mr. Bayles said that the Storefront Academy's Core Values and Mission is what he plans to focus on for the SUNY visit. He also added that the school encourages positive behavior, working with families, and never giving up on our children.

The Board unanimously agreed to hold a planning meeting on Thursday October 24th at 6:00pm in preparation for the SUNY visit.

2) Dr. Garcia spoke about the fifth grade meeting and said that staff members took students to the middle school fair in the city so that they can see other school options to attend.

Ms. Chesney said that the Harlem school is doing well and that she appreciates the communication and parent support that the school has.

2) Dr. Garcia said that the "Trunk or Treat" event is coming up with both the Harlem and the South Bronx schools. She said that parents are very involved in Harlem and are willing to

participate.

Dr. Garcia also mentioned that a "Sam Can Cook" event is scheduled for late November where the father's of students at both schools will bring in food dishes and have small cooking lessons with students at the schools.

Board members agreed that these events sounded like fun for students and parents at the schools.

Mr. Stearns asked if there is anything else anyone would like to bring up, after this he motioned for an adjournment of the meeting at 7:41 pm. All in favor agreed and the meeting was adjourned.