

Minutes of the AoC Board of Trustees Meeting of April 28, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of The Academy of the City Charter School (the "School") was held on April 28, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. at the School (31-29 60th Street Woodside, NY 11377).

Notice was given of the meeting by posting on the school's website, submission to the online community events calendar of the Queens Courier, and by paper copy posted outside the school building.

The following members of the Board were present:

Richard Welles, Chair, James Traub, Steve Zimmerman, Harry Elish, Treasurer, Michela Nonis, Ernie Brooks, Angela Howard, Vice-Chair and Nancy Sills, Secretary

The following staff members and visitors were present:

Richard Lee (Principal), , Amanda Lefer & Julie Simonson (PCO Co-Chairs), and Christine Nick (OSP)

RW called meeting to order.

NS moved to waive the reading of the minutes of the March 30, 2015 meeting (which were circulated to the board) and to adopt the minutes as written. RW seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

PCO: Amanda Lefer and Julie Simonson presented the PCO Report. (Their prepared report is Exhibit A) The executive board of the PCO just met. The gala planning is in high gear. There are many projects planned for teachers appreciation week, including a smoothie truck, I Love AoC stress balls, lunch on Friday of that week, free Reiki for the entire staff, and free acupuncture. RL noted that the school will be doing other activities for teachers appreciation week, including breakfasts and lunches and tote bags. The PCO is helping to plan for Field Day, which is next week. They have had various fundraisers, involved new parents in activities, and have a nominating committee for next year's executive committee. There are 5 or 6 spots to fill. The PCO really appreciated AH's excellent presentation on the middle school process. RL pointed out that the school will be doing a targeted program for parents with children in grades 4 and 5.

RL gave the School Report (The Report that was distributed to the board before the meeting is Exhibit B) There have been over 1100 applications received. 98% re-enrollment for next year. For Kindergarten, calls have been made to all families and enrollment has started. At least 25 spots will go to siblings, so there are 30 spots open for Kindergarten. Taking attrition and promotion in doubt issues into account, there will be approximately 30 places available for the other grades. Children who

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may be offered a spot in gifted and talented programs will be notified some time in June. School will be hiring two associate teachers, a Special Ed Coordinator, and lead teachers for second and fifth grades. The State tests in ELA and Math have been completed. The results should come out sometime between June and August. Depending on the outcomes, it may be recommended that some children attend summer school. The school has contracted with Victory Education Partners for a teaching coach. The coach will be spending 18 days in the school, through the end of the year.

Sean Fitzsimons and Adam Aberman who are assisting the school in preparing its charter renewal application will be at the school on April 30 and May 1. They will be meeting with RL, DG, AH, NS, MN and SZ. Any other trustees who wish to attend may. They will also be meeting with some teachers.

The school is considering having a curriculum audit. The plan is to start it in May so that there can be a complete analysis of any gaps in the curriculum with regard to the common core. Before the audit is done, OSP will prepare curriculum cross-walks. The auditor will be independent. It is anticipated that the audit will cost approximately \$15,000 -20,000. The report will be available in the summer. There will be an oral report before a written report is delivered.

RW moved that the board go into executive session to discuss a collective bargaining agreement. NS seconded the motion. The business of the board during executive session being completed, NS moved that the board return to public session. JT seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

HE moved that the board adopted the resolution attached hereto as Exhibit D, which authorized RL to enter into the collective bargaining agreement negotiated with the UFT, which agreement had been previously circulated to the board. The UFT bargaining unit had previously unanimously approved the collective bargaining agreement. RW seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

There being no further business before the board, NS moved that the meeting be adjourned. AH seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

The next board meeting shall take place on May 26, 2015.