

Minutes of the AoC Board of Trustees Meeting of May 26, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of The Academy of the City Charter School (the "School") was held on May 26, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. at the School (31-29 60th Street Woodside, NY 11377).

Notice was given of the meeting by submitting a notice electronically to the Queens Courier newspaper, posting the meeting notice on the school's website, and posting a paper notice on the bulletin board at Academy of the City Charter School, 31-29 60th Street Woodside, NY 11377.

The following members of the Board were present:

Richard Welles, Chair, James Traub, Steve Zimmerman, Harry Elish, Treasurer, Michaela Nonis, Ernie Brooks, Angela Howard, Vice-Chair (by phone) and Nancy Sills, Secretary

The following staff members and visitors were present:

Richard Lee (Principal), Amanda Lefer (PCO Chair), June Schwartz (OSP) and Christine Nick (OSP)

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the minutes of the April 28, 2015 AoC Board Meeting as written and amended.

PCO Report: Amanda Lefer and presented the PCO Report. Approximately 80 people attended the AoC Gala with an approximate net of \$6,000 for the evening. The PCO is pleased with the higher quality books being provided via The Story Nook versus Scholastic's for the book fair this year.

School Report: RL gave the School Report (The Report that was distributed to the board before the meeting is Exhibit A). RL reported that the administration is ahead for recruiting for next year. The administration is having the final round of conversations with families regarding students who received promotion in doubt letters. Roughly 6% of AoC's students fall into this category, which is below the District average of 10%.

An outside agency will be conducting a curriculum audit in advance of completing the charter renewal process.

With regard to the board decision not to seek to open a middle school at this time, in June RL will send a letter to the teachers and then to the fourth grade families describing the board decision. The Board expressed a desire for the school to develop programs and offer other resources to the families of the fourth grade students to aid the children in transitioning to middle school and helping the families find and apply to the schools that best fit their children.

Finance Report

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The Finance Report was distributed to the board before the meeting and is attached as Exhibit B. HE reported that the year is going as planned and that there will be a 3% surplus and encouraged RL to present requests to the Board without hesitation in the event there are programs that the administration wishes to initiate that might result in a reduced surplus.

Open School Report

RW delivered the Open School Project report. (The Report that was distributed to the board before the meeting is Exhibit C). RW requested suggestions for the retreat agenda from the Board.

There being no further business of the board during the public session, NS moved to adjourn the meeting. The board adjourned until its retreat on June 19th. The annual meeting of the board shall be held on June 19, 2015, immediately after the retreat session is concluded.