



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees

October 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Danal Abrams at 6:15 and a quorum was found present.

Board Members Present

Danal Abrams, Laura Blankfein, Randall Iserman, Jose De Jesus, Matthias Ederer, Laurence Heilbronn

Absent

Ben Gliklich, Jim Chu

Also present

Jamie Davidson, Kate Quarfordt

- Chair opened meeting
- Chair moved to nominate Laurence Heilbronn to join the Board of Trustees
- Motion was approved
- Request for approval of September meeting minutes
 - Minutes approved by unanimous vote
- Reports from the Head of School:
 - State test data: Year 1 data was on par with NYC average. While school leadership was hoping to see a higher proportion of students earn 3's and 4's, school leadership is viewing these as a baseline, and set goals for next year accordingly.
 - Enrollment and attendance: Head of School gave enrollment and attendance report, noting that we had 5 spaces available, and that a handful of students were starting next week and over the next couple weeks following.
 - SUNY visit: Head of School reported on strengths highlighted by SUNY, as well as four central growth areas. Highlights included: All key design elements were evident, sped program was in full compliance, board reporting is strong and governance is compliant with charter law, teachers have consistent access to professional development, all students have access to a unique piano program.
 - Growth areas included:
 - 1) Collecting and using data
 - 2) Using data to inform instruction and teacher development
 - 3) SLT use of data to identify patterns and gaps in student learning and behavior
 - 4) Consistent instructional quality across all classrooms
 - 5) Teacher's ability to articulate goals for themselves and their students
 - 6) Familiarizing staff with CSA evaluation system
 - 7) Consistent systems for supporting teachers
- Head of School discussed the ways in which she planned to support staff to meet these goals, and committed to reporting on progress toward them at board meetings going forward

Meeting adjourned at 7:20