

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School Board of Trustees met virtually on Tuesday, June 28, 2022. Board Chairman, Mr. Julio Vázquez, called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm. A quorum was established.

Board Members Virtually Present:

Julio Vázquez, Connie O. Walker, Dr. Marcia DeJesús-Rueff, Angélica Pérez-Delgado, Nelida Torres, Eugenio Marlin, Miguel Meléndez, and Robert Frasier Jr.

Board Member Absent:

Dr. Miriam Vázquez and Ray Ciccarelli.

School Staff Virtually Present:

Sandra Chevalier-Blackman, Mary Muñoz, John Harris, Maria Petrella, Nikki Kersbergen, Leslie Rivera, Vincent Alexander, Robert Zimmerli, Lashawndra Ashford, and Wanda Adames.

MISSION MOMENT:

The ELT program presented the mission moment. The middle school students testified how they feel about performing community service at the church on Joseph Avenue.

PUBLIC INPUT

No public input.

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Board Retreat

- Ms. Adames will send out an invite for a board retreat in August.
 - Topics of discussions:
 - Increase Security at the campuses
 - Academic

CEO REPORT:

Enrollment:

- Enrollment decreased from 969 to 962.

The Data dashboard that was presented during the meeting included the following:

- 4th Grade NYS Science Performance & Written Exam
- 8th Grade NYS Science Performance & Written Exam
- K-8: Fastbridge Diagnostic Student's Growth summary ELA
- K-8: Fastbridge Diagnostic Student's Growth summary Math

Extended Learning Time Program:

Zimbrich Campus

- Before-School: 50 students enrolled – 90% daily attendance
- After-School: 61 students enrolled - 88% of attendance

Joseph Campus

- Before school: 18 students enrolled – 95% daily attendance
- After-school: 32 students enrolled – 80% attendance

Surveys

- Teachers in grades 1-5 will receive the survey
 - 60% of teachers completed the survey.
- Students' surveys will be sent out by the school's external evaluator - Brockport Research Institute (BRI).
 - 97% of students completed the survey.

Operations:

Safety & Security

- PD and training over the summer for security guards
- The Visitor Management System software is up and running and will begin in the fall.
- Cell phone locking devices will enable students to lock their phones during the day without the school collecting them daily.
- Interior Doors will have key card entry
- Additional Security Personnel

Summer Projects:

- Mr. Martinez will be working on various projects over the summer.

Church

- The church roof will be completed by June 30th. The roof was a donation.

Zimbrich

- Scheduling for mats to be installed in the elementary gym
- Scheduling elementary front entryway stairs construction

Joseph Expansion

- RFP pulled June 30th from the website.
- Responded and will submit: bergmann, Labella, SWBR

Covid & Vaccines

- 240 reported cases
- Unvaccinated staff – will need to report negative covid results until June 30th.
- 89% of staff are vaccinated

CEO Updates:

Final Evaluation

- There was an online final evaluation pilot opportunity this year; it will be implemented for the 2022-2023 school year.

Teacher Mentorship

- The program consisted of 5 mentors that mentored 12 teachers. EMHCS received a \$5,000 check from M&T Bank Charitable Foundation.

Rochester Youth Hispanic Baseball League (RYHBL)

- EMHCS sponsored a team for the 2022

Grants Updates:

Gala Update:

- The venue price was renegotiated
- Attorney Fink contributed to the Gala

Donors Choose Update: Live Proposals: 8 Primary School & 1 Middle School

- Posted: \$45,845.64
- Funded: \$35,988.44

Amazon Smile Donation: \$104.92 (February-April 2022)

Grants:

- EMHCS was awarded the ARP Homeless Youth & Children Grant: \$20,253.
- Charter School Remote Learning Subgrant: \$49,500 (for expenses from 7/1/2020-9/30/2020)

United Way Update:

- Nine staff have pledged so far

Cohort 2018 Accountability

- June graduation rate is 88%
- The August projection rate is 92%
- Six early graduates (June 2021)
- Six students received a Regents diploma
- 39 students received advanced regents diploma
- 12 received the Seal of Biliteracy
- 5 Year Graduated (Cohort 2017) – increased from 80% to 89%
- 2 August Summer School Candidate

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Results of the final reports from testing will be the baseline for next year
- The high school graduation rate is increasing.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT/FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Finance Committee met immediately before the board meeting, reviewed May's financial statements reports with the Finance Manager, Ms. Kersbergen, and reviewed the grant status with Ms. Blackman.

The finance committee discussed Mr. Ciccarelli's proposal to take advantage of the higher interest rates. The school currently has \$2,000,000.00 sitting in a Schwab account not earning much interest. The committee wishes to invest the money in 6-month CDs or 9-month treasury notes to receive 1.8 – 2% interest. Ms. Walker moved the motion to accept the proposal, and Mr. Marlin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The committee discussed the funds sitting in the M&T Bank account. The committee asked Ms. Kersbergen to contact the bank and see what they could do for the school. Some of the funds will be used for the Joseph Avenue project.

Financial Reports

Ms. Nikki Kersbergen, Finance Manager, reviewed the financial statements as of May 31, 2022. Please see the attached reports.

ACTION ITEMS

May's board meeting minutes were presented for approval. Ms. Walker moved the motion, and Dr. DeJesús-Rueff seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building Committee

- There are no new updates and actions to go before the board.

Governance Committee:

No new updates.

Personnel Committee:

No new updates.

Fundraising Committee

Gala

- Ms. Blackman reported table captains began paying for their tables
- The venue price was renegotiated.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business.

Executive Session

No executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, Mr. Vázquez asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. DeJesús-Rueff moved the motion, and Mr. Walker seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Board Meeting will meet in person on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at the Irondequoit Library, 1290 Titus Avenue, Room 213- Laurelton, Rochester, NY 14617.

Respectfully submitted,

Angélica Pérez-Delgado
Board Secretary