

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. Board Chairman Julio Vázquez called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. A quorum was established.

Board Members Present:

Julio Vázquez, Angélica Pérez-Delgado, Ryan Caster, Miguel Meléndez, Eugenio Marlin, Gloria Soldevila, and Rosemary Johnson.

Board Members Absent:

Dr. Miriam Vázquez, and Dr. Marcia DeJesús-Rueff.

School Staff & Others Present:

Sandra Chevalier-Blackman, Nikki Kersbergen, Wanda Serrano, Leslie Rivera, Morgan Krolak, Amy Schiavi, Vincent Alexander, James A. Riley, and Jamari Sanders.

MISSION MOMENT:

Jamari Sanders, an 11th-grade student, presented the mission moment. The poem he presented during a soap box presentation in his Social Justice class was “Toxic Masculinity.”

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input.

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Board Retreat

- Reminder: The board retreat is Tuesday, March 12th.

SUNY Pre-Visit & Board Interviews

- SUNY Pre-Visit call will be on Tuesday, April 9th.
- Board Interview visits will be on Tuesday, April 23rd at 5:30 pm.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT:

Ms. Chevalier Blackman introduced the new Middle School Principal, Mr. James A. Riley. His first day at EMHCS will be tomorrow, Wednesday, February 28th.

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

- K-12: Spanish Benchmark Assessment 2 Comparison
- 3-8: ELA Benchmark 2 Comparison
- 3-8: Math Benchmark 2 Comparison
- 9-12: Benchmark Assessment 2 Comparison

- 9-12: NYS January Regents Scores
- 2020 Cohort Accountability

Operations:

Expansion Project

- Finalizing agreement with contractor
- Finalizing program and drawings with the architect
- Initial meeting with design teams

Zimbrich Campus

- Phase II of restroom renovations will be completed in 6 weeks.
- Pricing for staff restroom upgrades is currently in progress.

Kodak Campus

- The lease renewal was received the week of February 19th. The lease will need to be reviewed, signed, and returned.

1119 Joseph Avenue

- Minor repairs will need to be completed.

COVID-19

- 13 cases were reported in January.

Bethany House

- Bethany House might be for sale.
- Mr. Harris had a meeting on February 14th.

ELT Updates:

Before School

- Before school at the Zimbrich Campus, 83 students are enrolled, with 90% attendance

After School

- After School at the Zimbrich Campus, 85 students enrolled with 95% attendance
- After School at the Joseph Campus, 24 students enrolled with 67% attendance

General

- Black History Month is Friday, March 1st.
- The Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, March 14th.
- The BRI Visit and focus group with students will occur on Tuesday, March 19th, and Wednesday, March 20th.
- Save the Date - Willy Wonka

PTO

- PTO was on Tuesday, February 13th, and the topic was Get Ready for State Assessments.
- 40 families attended the PTO. In collaboration with Mrs. Zeman, Principal Schiavi provided parents with valuable information about NY State Assessments and how to prepare their children for them.
- We recognized over 100 students with Perfect Attendance and Excellent Attendance awards.

CEO Updates:

The following items were discussed during the CEO updates:

- Staff/Student Recruitment & Marketing
 - Lamar Advertising billboards in various parts of the city showcasing many great teachers.
 - RTS buses have billboards for staff recruitment and increased enrollment.
 - A video was created to increase kindergarten enrollment.

Attendance:

- December's attendance was an average of 80%, and January's was 85%.

Enrollment:

- Enrollment for January 1015 students
- Enrollment for February 995 students

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE REPORT:

There are no current updates.

FINANCE MANAGER REPORT/FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Financial Reports

Ms. Kersbergen reviewed the financial statements for January 2024. Please see the attached report.

ACTION ITEMS:

January's board meeting minutes were presented for approval. Mr. Caster moved the motion, and Mr. Marlin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

January's financials were presented for approval. Mr. Marlin moved the motion, and Mr. Caster seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building Committee:

The updates were provided under the Operations section of the CEO's data dashboard presentation—no other current updates.

Personnel Committee:

There are no current updates.

Fundraising Committee

There are no current updates.

Governance Committee:

No current updates

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Vázquez requested a motion to adjourn the meeting with no other business to discuss. Mr. Marlin moved the motion, and Mr. Caster seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Board Meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 26, 2024**; the meeting location will be at the Administrative Office at 977 Joseph Avenue, conference room, Rochester, NY 14621.

Respectfully submitted,

Angélica Pérez-Delgado
Board Secretary