



Minutes

The American Dream Charter School
Board Meeting
January 19, 2017 @ 6:00 PM
at 510 E 141st St. New York, NY 10454

Board Members Present: Z. Martinez, L. Rojas, D. Vargas, R. Espinal, A. Cabrera
Guests: M. Melkonian, N. Gallagher,

I. OPENING ITEMS

- A. Call the Meeting to Order - L. Rojas
 - 1. calling meeting order at 6:08
 - a) Seconded Z. Martinez
 - 2. Approve December Minutes - D. Vargas
 - a) seconded by Z Martinez

II. EXECUTIVE

- B. High School Expansion Process Update - Melissa
 - 1. February 1st is High School Expansion Hearing
 - 2. March 15th - Official approval date from NYSED (same date as school visit)
- C. Property Acquisition & Co-location Update - Melissa
 - 1. Last week we dissolved contract with VICUS
 - a) they were not providing property options that were possible/realistic for us.
 - b) We're going to begin working with Civic Builders and Avison and Young
 - (1) We need some major fundraising
 - (2) Recruiting Board Members
 - 2. Contacting Yvonne Jenueves (chief of staff) - D. Vargas
 - a) Connection to Mark-Viverito- Bring it up that ADS exists. Damian mentioned ADS to Yvonne. Mark should come for a visit. Damian will let us know when the meeting is. Melissa will email the denial letter for co-located space. The goal is Damian pushing that agenda item to Yvonne and therefore Mark.
- D. Debate Tournament- Melissa
 - 1. Our team has a tournament on Saturday. The address is: 81-14 257th Street, Glenoaks, NY 11004
 - a) A. Press - A. Cabrera
 - (1) Melissa was going to put together a press release. Melissa put a flyer together to send to Angelo. Angelo is sending to his press contacts/friends.
- E. Mid-term Site Visit- Melissa
 - 1. separate from the high school process
 - 2. site visit is going to be march 15th. we have a check list



III. OPERATIONS

- F. Staffing Update - Nick
 - 1. Full Time Instructional Staff: 26 (not including - Speech Therapist)
 - 2. Full Time School Support: 2 (not including 1 social work intern)
 - 3. Full Time Operations Staff: 6
 - 4. Full Time School Leadership staff: 3
 - a) Total of 37 Full time Staff
- G. Student Enrollment- Nick
 - 1. 241

IV. FINANCE

- H. Account balances - Nick
 - 1. Account balances (Checking, Savings & Escrow) reviewed

V. CLOSING ITEMS

- I. Adjourn Meeting
 - 1. L. Rojas motioned to adjourn meeting
 - a) Meeting adjourned at 6:40
 - 2. Seconded by Z. Martinez seconded.
 - a) Unanimously approved