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Board Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2014

A meeting of the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of The American Dream School (the “School”) was held on March 6, 2014, at 4:30 p.m. at the New York City Charter Center, 111 Broadway, Suite 604, New York, NY 10004.

The following members of the Board were present in person: Rick Levine, Luz Maria Rojas, Damian Vargas, and Michael Weippert. Steve Zbaida attended via web conference. Angelo Cabrera was not present.

Nicholas Gold, Melissa Melkonian and Jessica Coffrin-St. Julien were also present.

**The Minutes**

***Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes (Motion #1)***

Michael Weippert moved to approve the previous meeting’s minutes. Damian Vargas seconded the motion. The present Board members:

VOTED:

To approve the previous meeting’s minutes.

***Approval of FOIL and FERPA Policies (Motion #2)***

Jessica Coffrin-St. Julien briefly summarized the FOIL and FERPA policies distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting. The Board discussed the policies and addressed some questions about appropriate response times for family requests for documents. After discussion, Michael Weippert moved to approve both the FERPA and FOIL policies. Rick Levine seconded the motion. The present Board members:

VOTED:

To approve the previous meeting’s minutes.

***Facilities and Planning Year (Motion #3)***

The Board reviewed draft budgets for the 2014-2015 school year in a district space and a private space. Melissa Melkonian reviewed the disadvantages of the district space option, including a cap of 75 students per grade (amounting to a substantial funding cut) and the fact that using district space would require amending the charter to entail a 225-student enrollment cap. During discussion, Steve Zbaida noted that the district space option would not be final until a May vote by the Panel for Educational Policy. Michael Weippert noted potential issues with the private space option, including delays in the negotiation process. After discussion, Steve Zbaida moved that the School take a planning year. Luz Maria Rojas seconded the motion. The present board members:

VOTED:

To approve the planning year.

The meeting of the Board was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Coffrin-St. Julien  
Director of Operations