



The American Dream School
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Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda

Friday, April 4, 2014

4:30PM

111 Broadway, Suite 604, NY, NY 10006

I. Introductions

II. Policies for Review/Approval

- a. March minutes approved.
- b. Enrollment Policy
 - i. Lottery date changed from the 3rd week in April to the second week. Giving parents a month to get all of their paperwork turned in. Those that do not will be moved onto the wait-list allowing other students to enroll. Cut off date will be moved from May 30th to May 15th. This will guarantee that we have the 75 seats secured sooner rather than later.
 - ii. RESOLUTION: Steve motioned to approve, Mike seconded. Unanimous vote to approve Enrollment Policy.

III. DOE Co-location Update

- a. Community Meeting at X030 3/31/13 (new step in the process - non time limit meeting)
 - i. DOE was present to discuss the issue with parents and teachers - parents not receptive
 - ii. teachers concerned about the age discrepancy and other problematic issues
 - iii. Unclear what floor ADS would be located on (however, we already have a floor assignment)
 - iv. original proposal was middle school to high school DOE needs to change this because parents were also complaining about ADS eventually extending to high school. DOE needs to change this to make clear ADS is a middle school
 - v. Many teachers were referring to bells schedule, type of kids we'd bring to the campus, phys ed - too many kids, how would we share space?
 - vi. There will be 2 minutes allowed for ADS board to represent the school at the 4/10 meeting.
- b. Joint Public Hearing at X030 4/10/14 @ 6:00pm (double check time - similar to Community meeting but there is 2 minute timeline for the floor)
 - i. Melissa and Luz will attend
 - ii. People have 2 minutes to respond to some of the issues brought up on 3/31
 - iii. Michael and Rick can likely attend
- c. Panel for Educational Policy vote 5/6/14 at Murray Bergtrum @ 6:00p.m.
 - i.

IV. Recruitment

- a. Staff: Hiring Update
 - i. p.e. art teacher being hired
 - ii. math being hired
 - iii. ELA being hired



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- iv. bilingual special ed being hired
- v. bilingual ESL being hired
 - 1. Still need to find 2 teaching positions to fill
 - 2. director of operations
 - 3. director of curriculum
- b. Background check is required before offer letter
- c. resumes sent to board
- d. Students: Enrollment Update
 - i. We have 120 minus randoms and siblings we have about 110
 - 1. The first round will accept 85 students (certain percentage will not accept)

V. Fiscal management

- a. NYC Charter School Center Bridge Loan
 - i. Bridge loan has been submitted
 - ii. should be approved by next week

VI. Friends of

- a. Update
 - i. Nicholas Gold is helping us get our tax exempt paperwork
 - ii. Friends of ADS can help raise money the school itself cannot
 - 1. Friends of ADS board meeting - next friday. Michael sent an email to Nicholas that he cannot fulfill the 3 rolls of Friends of Board, Facilities, and Friends of ADS. He suggests that we recruit someone else for Board of Friends of ADS. Michael will remain on the Friends of ADS board until someone else is recruited

VII. Board Management

- a. Participation
- b. Fundraising
 - i. ideas
 - 1. The Foundation - gives you access to grants and opportunities (there is an annual fee) Need a development person for this who can write grants.
 - 2. Restaurant or bar to collaborate
 - 3. next board meeting everyone should come with a few ideas

VIII. Out of School Time (DYCD Grant)

- a. Grant/Partnership opportunity
 - i. MASA has approached Melissa for a partnership DYCD grant - middle school initiative to give CBOs an opportunity to run after school program.
 - 1. Still unclear if we qualify
 - 2. MASA has never run an after school program. Will this benefit ADS?
 - 3. What are legal implications? liability issues?
 - 4. Do they have their own insurances?



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5. who selects their staff and how are they screened?
 6. what is scope of what they're trying to do? how many kids?
 7. Pilot program?
 8. Can we see a proposal?
- b. Right time?
- i. Next meeting is May 2nd @ 4:30