

Minutes

The American Dream Charter School

Board Meeting

Tuesday Aug 26, 2014 @ 5:00 PM at 510 E. 141st Street, 4FL, Bronx, NY 10454

Board Members Present

Damian Vargas (remote), Luz Maria Rojas, Michael Weippert, Richard Levine (remote)

Board Members Absent

Angelo Cabrera

Guests Present

Melissa Melkonian, Nicholas Gallagher

I. Opening Items

Call the Meeting to Order

Luz Maria Rojas called a meeting of the board of trustees of The American Dream Charter School to order on Tuesday Aug 26, 2014 @ 5:16 PM at 510 E. 141st Street, 4FL, Bronx, NY 10454.

Getting ADS Ready

ADS has successfully begun.

Approve Minutes

L. Rojas made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 07-29-14.

Michael Weippert seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Other Business

SED Visit and Feedback

State visit rep was impressed during the SED visit. We were asked for multiple items that weren't on the checklist (such as 501c3). Everything was ultimately fine. The major feedback from the visit was the board meetings have be held properly (such as having video calls with board members attending remotely).

Teacher Academy

Went very well. P.S. 30 staff joined ADS staff during our PD.

Maternity Leave: Principal

Melissa is going on maternity leave soon. Sarah Fuentes will be acting principal while Melissa is on maternity leave. Board members are planning to come in periodically during Melissa's maternity leave.

Board Recruitment

Melissa and Luz interviewed two candidates. One applicant was promising. Additional recruitment is necessary to get a wider applicant pool. ADS needs a stronger board with wide variety of expertise. Michael will get more involved in Board recruitment. We could especially use expertise in finance and development - Educators always welcome, community candidates are also welcome in the absence of Angelo.

1st day of school!

Feedback from kids (and parents) has been great. We have lost a couple of students. Some have moved, some accepted at MS223. Students will be accepted all year around. Charter schools get paid throughout the year if students arrive mid year.

Draft of Fiscal report

This is a simple draft of the fiscal policies. The first 50k have been audited. There weren't any major findings. We

will discuss the final copy at the next board meeting. Melissa asked for questions before next meeting.

Change next board meeting to 5p.m. on 9/18

III. Closing Items

Adjourn Meeting

L. Rojas made a motion to Adjourn meeting.

Michael Weippert seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 05:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicholas Gallagher