

## Minutes

The American Dream Charter School  
Board Meeting  
August 18, 2016 @ 6:00 PM  
at 510 E 141st St. New York, NY 10454

**Board Members Present:** A. Cabrera, L. Rojas, R. Levine, R. Espina, D. Vargas (video call).

**Guests:** M. Melkonian, N. Gallagher, Beatrice Bradshaw (parent), Eddie Jimenez

### I. OPENING ITEMS

- A. Call the Meeting to Order - L. Rojas
  - 1. Called to order at 6:03pm
  - 2. Approve Minutes- Luz.
    - a) Seconded by Z. Martinez
    - (1) unanimously approved

### II. EXECUTIVE

- B. July Board "Next Steps"
  - 1. What board does well - ongoing communication, flexible, supporting the mission.
  - 2. Rubric review:
    - a) Leadership roles (overall board roles are defined)
    - b) School leader and board chair are scheduled
  - 3. General knowledge of charter
  - 4. Support goals and standards of charter
  - 5. Test results (reviews)
  - 6. Strategic planning
  - 7. Understands oversight responsibilities
- C. Next steps
  - 1. Recruit additional board members
  - 2. Spend days at ADS
  - 3. Plan fundraisers for fall and spring
- D. Board meetings will be 3rd Thursday of every month
- E. September 22nd Proposed Board Meeting Date for September

### III. Principal's Report

- F. 44% ELLs
- G. 5 newcomers in 8th grade
- H. Leadership structure has changed
- I. Upward growth across grades
  - 1. Exceeded growth expectations
- J. Data reflects charter goals,
- K. Annual report

1. Metrics were met
  2. 8th graders are getting ready to graduate,
  3. Doe Survey results
- L. NYC Survey - Please refer to report
- M. Teacher Academy -
- N. New Initiatives - Myon, illuminate (more meaningful interim assessments), class dojo (parent communication and student discipline)
1. One month of instruction in spanish

#### **IV. Community Outreach**

##### **1. Plaza Comunitarias - Angelo**

- a. Angelo had a meeting with the Mexican consulate. How do we bring some extra help for the parents.
- b. Plaza Comunitarias is continued education for adults from the Mexican Consulate.
  - i. Mexican department of ed will be involved,
  - ii. Supporting parents to be more involved in their child's education so they can more effectively support their children with their academic work.
  - iii. After september they will come to check out the space
  - iv. They also provide a lot of community educational programs, there are various networks they can provide (how to start businesses, money for the kids for college etc.).

#### **V. FINANCE**

- O. Audit is in full swing. Auditor was present Monday and tuesday.
1. We're preparing various schedule reports the auditors require.
    - a) July board reports will not be ready for review until september board meeting
      - (1) which is acceptable practice during the transition of the fiscal years.
- P. Most recent per pupil deposit has posted
1. All 4 of our accounts: escrow, savings, checking and credit are in good standing
    - a) Fiscally healthy
    - b) Final installment for escrow account
    - c) Account balances reviewed
  2. Enrollment
    - a) 6th - 86
    - b) 7th - 85
    - c) 8th - 79

#### **VI. CLOSING ITEMS**

- K. Motion to adjourn Meeting- L. Rojas  
Seconded by R. Espinal

- Adjourned at pm 6:46pm
  - Unanimously approved adjournment