



## Agenda

The American Dream Charter School

Board Meeting

Monday, February 12, 2018 @ 6PM

at 423 E 138th St. New York, NY 10454

**Board Members Present :** R. Espinal, Z. Martinez, L. Rojas, A. Cabrera, D. Vargas (teleconference)

**Guests:** M. Melkonian, N. Gallagher, R. Vargas

### I. OPENING ITEMS

- A. Call the Meeting to Order - L. Rojas
  - 1. Meeting called to order at 6:06
    - a) Seconded by R. Espinal
    - b) unanimous
- B. Approve January Minutes - L. Rojas
  - 1. Seconded by Z. Martinez
  - 2. Unanimously approved

### II. EXECUTIVE

- C. Co-location denial - M. Melkonian
  - 1. Denied. Would not confirm or deny who was getting the space
  - 2. Proceeding with Highmark
- D. CMO Application - M. Melkonian
  - 1. Funding that will support with streamlining operations
- E. Learning Partners Program Application - M. Melkonian
  - 1. Continuation of the DOE/ADS District Charter Collaborative partnership that has been underway during SY1617
    - a) How to strengthen writing for ELLs is focus area
    - b) Culturally Responsive Pedagogy will be next area of focus
- F. Future Leaders Institute - M. Melkonian
  - 1. Spinoff of teach for America
    - a) Its an org that recruits teachers of color at colleges
    - b) Melissa is considering partnering with them
      - (1) If we're thinking of replicating it would be useful to have a feeder program that can support ADS staffing needs
      - (2) Teachers wouldn't be certified immediately
      - (3) Something to consider for building into budget to create a pipeline of teachers
      - (4) Commitment is 3 years
      - (5) There's a placement fee
      - (6) Provides structure for support for new teachers. Mentorship
- II. Mid year evaluations - M. Melkonian
  - A. Surveyed staff for who is staying and who is leaving
    - 1. 2 Teacher Assistants are leaving to attend Med School
    - 2. Everyone else is staying



### III. GOVERNANCE

- B. Patricia Simon - N. Gallagher
  - 1. Next Steps with Patricia
    - a) Formal Meeting to be scheduled
      - (1) Schedule week of the 26th
- C. Christina Simanca Proctor - N. Gallagher
- D. Board Approval for Title IV application - M. Melkonian
  - 1. Finalizing an app for 250,00
    - a) 9th grade cohort struggling with transition, handling coursework, being held accountable for classwork
    - b) BARR (Building Assets Reducing Risk) - strength based approach to prevent students from falling through the cracks.
      - (1) Outcome we're seeking is to build stronger supports and academic success for high school level students
      - (2) Board will return approval with signatures

### IV. OPERATIONS

- E. Staffing Update - N. Gallagher
  - 1. 57
- F. SY1819 Application Update- N. Gallagher
  - 1. Current Enrollment #s = 338 students
    - a) 84- 6th
    - b) 85- 7th
    - c) 84- 8th
    - d) 85- 9th
  - 2. Application #s
    - a) 6th grade- 106
    - b) 7th grade- 10
    - c) 8th grade- 2
    - d) 9th grade - 22

### V. FINANCE

- G. Review of Accounts - N. Gallagher
  - 1. accounts reviewed
    - a) Nick will connect with Robert about the sweep account

### VI. Closing Items

- H. Adjourn Meeting- L. Rojas
  - 1. Meeting adjourned at 6:52

