

Minutes

The American Dream Charter School
Board Meeting
Monday February 22, 2016 @ 6:00 PM
at 510 E 141st St. New York, NY 10454

Board Members Present: L. Rojas, Z. Martinez, R. Espina (video call), D. Vargas (video call).

Guests: M. Melkonian, N. Gallagher

I. OPENING ITEMS

Call the Meeting to Order - Luz Rojas
Called to order at 6:12pm

MOTION TO Approve Minutes- L. Rojas. Seconded by Z. Martinez
● unanimously approved

I. EXECUTIVE

- ELL Applicants weighted (vote)
 - We receive Federal CSP grant funds and, in the past, we could not offer ELL applicants preference. This has changed and now we are able to offer ELLs a weight during the lottery irrespective of CSP funds.
 - The Charter does specifically address giving ELLs preference. It's the community we're trying to reach.
 - Motion to approve - Luz. Seconded by Zuleika
 - unanimously approved
- Report from Tony Lopez Leadership mentor for principal
 - Environment, rituals and routines are consistent with both Melissa and Staff. Welcoming school environment. Standards are displayed. Teachers get regular feedback.
 - Advisory periods were highly structured with students completing assignments. Students have an opportunity to work with each other. Affirmed cultivation of family.
 - We would like mentor to focus on organization structure with Melissa. Melissa is considering a coaching approach versus one person in leadership role of Director of Curriculum. A goal is to develop and organizational structure that's solid. Something that won't change every year.

I. FINANCE

- Review of TD Bank Escrow, Chase Checking and Chase Savings account balances

- Open a 3rd account for payroll purposes
 - motion to approve - Luz, Zuleika seconded
 - unanimously approved
- Matching DOE's revised salary scale
 - Operations team developed a sustainable scale for the next 5 years that we'd like to share with board for feedback

I. CLOSING ITEMS

- Motion to adjourn Meeting- Luz Rojas, Seconded by Zuleika
 - Adjourned at pm 6:41