

## Minutes

The American Dream Charter School  
Board Meeting  
Monday January 11, 2016 @ 6:00 PM  
at 510 E 141st St. New York, NY 10454

### Board Members Present:

Guests: M. Melkonian, N. Gallagher

#### I. OPENING ITEMS

Call the Meeting to Order - Luz Rojas

Called to order at 6:05

Damian, Luz, Rick, Melissa and Nick present. Roselin on video call.

Approve Minutes - Luz. Seconded by Damian

- unanimously approved

#### I. EXECUTIVE

- SED School Expansion Conversation - L. Rojas
  - Conversation with Paolo, Karonne and Jarrett Watson (SED reps) in response to our submission proposing the expansion of ADS expanding to High School. The state did not approve expansion due to the school being so new. The encouraged ADS to operate a few more years and have solid data under which we could utilize to our advantage.
  - Next steps: our kids won't feed into whatever High School we're able to get off the ground at this point. Despite this, we may pursue expansion through a different authorizer or applying as a new high school.
- Music Program Adjustment - Melissa Melkonian
  - The choir teacher was terminated. Our P.E. teacher is teaching Voices to the 6th graders.
- Councilwoman Melissa Mark-Viverito Assistant (Max Cantarero) attended our Holiday
  - The experience for parents was beautiful. Max stopped by. He said he wanted to come back.
- High School Preparation Program - Glory Gomes is preparing our students for specialized high school exams, other extracurricular high school preparedness

programs. We got 2 6th graders and 2 7th graders into Harlem Ed. Activities Fund, a summer program. Currently we have those 4 students who will HEAF.

## **I. FINANCE**

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

## **II. Governance**

- Confirm February Meeting Date - Nick Gallagher
  - Rescheduled Feb 22nd.

## **I. CLOSING ITEMS**

- Adjourn Meeting- L. Rojas, Seconded by D. Vargas
  - Adjourned at 6:29 pm