

**MINUTES OF THE
HELLENIC CLASSICAL CHARTER – PARK SLOPE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2020 AT 9:30 a.m.
AT
646 5th AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11215**

MEMBERS AND STAFF

PRESENT

Christina Tettonis	Superintendent
Natasha Caban	Principal HCCS-PS
Stacy Kokkoros	Business Administrative Assistant

VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE

Joy Petrakos	Chief of Operations
Cathy Kakleas	Principal HCCS-SI
Christina Portelos	Director of Finance & Operations
Charles Capetanakis	Chairman
Nikolaos Leonardos	Treasurer
Effie Lekas	Member
Grazia Svokos	Member
Dean Angelakos	Member

ABSENT

Harvey Newman	Secretary
Nik Mathews	Member
Dr. Liana Theodoratou	Member

Mr. Capetanakis chaired the meeting. Joy Petrakos acted as recorder. There were five Board members present at the Board meeting as such having quorum.

The first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of the meeting on January 23, 2020. On a motion made by Mr. Leonardos and seconded by Mrs. Svokos, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Mr. Capetanakis motioned to discuss the nomination of a new member to the School Board, Bianca Rajpersaud. Mr. Leonardos seconded the motion. Mr. Capetanakis asked if there were any objections to Bianca Rajpersaud serving on our Board. There were none. The Board voted unanimously for Bianca Rajpersaud to be the newest member of the Hellenic Classical Charter School's Board of Trustees. Her term would be effective immediately.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Tettonis reported that Mr. & Mrs. Stamati Makrinos have donated \$50k towards upgrading the school elevator/AC system. They will be recognized at the Greek Independence Day Show on March 20th, 2020. The Hellenic Classical Charter School Dance Troupe will also be performing at the Kardamylian Annual Dinner Dance where Mr. & Mrs. Makrinos will be honored.

On March 4th, New York State Education Department Executive Director, David Frank along with 12 educators from the United Kingdom will be coming to visit the school. The visit would consist of a briefing to outline the great work happening at HCCS, the benefits and drawbacks of operating as a charter school, classroom visits, and a discussion of the intervention strategies to close the achievement gap. Lastly there will be a debrief regarding the visit as well as next steps in facilitation of an exchange of educational best practices. The focus of the visit is to see programs first-hand that are narrowing the gap. In addition to the visit to HCCS, the group will also visit another charter school as well as a few district schools.

Also on March 4th, a team from the Walton Foundation will be coming to the school for a visit.

Honorable Guests from The Ministry of Greece visited our school on February 3rd. The guests included Konstantinos Vlasis, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Emmanuel Koubarakis, Director of the Diplomatic Cabinet of Deputy Minister Vlasis, Dr. Konstantinos Koutras Consul General of Greece, Pavlos Drimalas, Public Relations and Nikolaos Koliopoulos. They were very impressed with what they saw at HCCS.

The last week of January was VIP Reader Week. We were honored to have all our VIP Readers visit and read to our students. NYSED's David Frank, Kimberly Santiago, Paolo Giovine, Assemblyman Felix Ortiz and our very own HCCS Board Chairman Charles Capetanakis

Mrs. Tettonis continued to report that NYSED released the new state report card and HCCS is rated as a school "in good standing."

Mrs. Tettonis also mentioned that she was invited to attend (CSGF) Charter School Growth Fund Principal Manager Convening in Austin, Texas January 2020 and attended Diverse Charter School Coalition Convening in Washington D.C. with Joy Petrakos and Dena Capetanakis.

Annual ACR report submitted to DOE on January 31

HCCS Park Slope submitted a merger application to SED to unite both schools
Public Hearing held on February 12, 2020

CSP grant application for Staten Island will be submitted after merger is approved by SED

Submitted capital grant to Brooklyn Borough President, Eric Adams

CHIEF OF OPERATIONS REPORT

Mrs. Petrakos noted that new banners are being designed and will be ordered for the Greek Independence Day Parade for both schools. Adding also that buses for both schools have been secured.

Mrs. Petrakos and Mrs. Portelos met with Ponce Bank about grant and lending opportunities.

There being no unfinished business, Mr. Capetanakis asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lekas. Mrs. Leonardos seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held at HCCS-PS at 9:30 a.m. on March 16, 2020.

Harvey Newman

Harvey Newman, Secretary