

New Dawn Charter High School Board of Trustees Meeting

Place: New Dawn Charter High School
242 Hoyt Street
Brooklyn, NY 11217

Date: March 22, 2016

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: George Crowley, Ronald Tabano, Leslie Winter, Philip Weitzman

Board Members on Conference Video: Erosa Ogbahon, Samir Souidi

Quorum: Yes

Staff Members Present: Lisa DiGaudio

Meeting came to order at 2:37

- I. Resolution: Minutes from February 23 meeting
Mr. Tabano asked the members if they read the minutes and if any changes are needed.

Motion: Dr. Weitzman motioned to accept the minutes

Seconded: Mr. Winter seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous

- II. Appeal to NYSED about Identification as a Priority School- Ronald Tabano

Mr. Tabano discussed the appeal that was filed and denied by NYSED on the Focus School status of NDCHS. Mr. Tabano indicated that after meeting with staff from NYSED, they would be refileing the appeal. NYSED encouraged us to refile the appeal, and the plan is to present data that shows why the four year graduation rate doesn't work for us.

- III. Update on Transfer School Accountability—Ronald Tabano

Mr. Tabano discussed the work NDCHS is involved in with the city and state on developing an accountability plan for transfer schools. Mr. Tabano described how a 6 year graduation cohort across the state is not the same as a 6 year graduation rate for transfer schools. The development of an accountability plan will provide a more accurate picture of how the 17 year old with 0-9 credits, completes high school. Mr. Tabano described the process the NYC DOE is conducting. They will be matching each student in a transfer school to 50 students with similar characteristics across the city in an attempt to understand how transfer schools are doing compared to other schools based on students outcomes. Mr. Tabano is hopeful that an accountability plan will be agreed upon soon between the DOE and NYSED.

IV. School Updates – Lisa DiGaudio
a. Fellowship Report

Lisa DiGaudio reported on the relationships she is developing through the America Achieves Fellowship, and described the visit she conducted of local politicians to discuss Common Core. NDCHS was visited by the Founder of the Phoenix Academy, a CMO that focuses on our population in Massachusetts to discuss transfer accountability through ESSA. New Dawn staff will be joining a national group that is putting together recommendations to John King that make sense for transfer students.

b. Instructional Rounds & New Dawn PD

The PICCS Network Team visited NDCHS on March 15th and 16th. Gains were observed in questioning and engagement, which match the results of our internal rounds conducted on February 1.

c. Regents Outcomes IEP/General

The January results were broken down by IEP and General Education percentages, results were presented to the board.

d. Child Find

The Board was updated on the status of special education.

e. Senior Trip, Prom & Graduation

Motion to approve the contract for the Prom: Mr. George Crowley

Seconded: Mr. Winter

Vote: Unanimous

Motion to approve the contract for Graduation: Mr. Tabano

Seconded: Mr. Crowley

Vote: Unanimous

V. Financial Report

Mr. Crowley asked about a column for a year to date budget. He also asked for the monthly expenses to provide a depreciation expense.

Dr. Weitzman stated that he has been requesting a breakdown of “local sources”. Mr. Tabano explained that there is nothing locally sourced, all funds come from the state.

VI. Next Board of Trustee Meeting April 18th

Motion to change the time to 2:30: Mr. Winter

Seconded: Mr. Tabano

Vote: Unanimous

VII. New Business

There was no new business.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Crowley

Seconded: Dr. Wietzman

Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

The next meeting will be held on April 18, 2016 at 2:30 pm.