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## Minutes–Board of Trustees Meeting

October 21, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

**In-person: John Callahan**

**By Zoom Conferencing: Rick Marsico, Denis O'Rourke, Linnet Tse, Sarah Fuentes, Dan Sang, Jumaane Saunders, Janine Azrilliant, Charmone Adams**

**Absent: Christian Bannerman**

**Executive Director Richard Burke and Ms. Sharpe, Dir. SPED In-person,**

Welcome and Call to Order- Mr. John Callahan welcomed and called the Meeting to Order at 6:05 PM, thanked everyone for attending. Mr. Callahan thanked Digant Bahl from Accounting Solutions for his Board Development presentation on the Charter Finance

Mr. Callahan asked if anyone had any questions about Consent Agenda.

Mr. Callahan then spoke about the first item: the consent agenda, including approval of new employees. Mr. Burke thanked Mr. O'Rourke for shepherding our new US History Professor, Matt Ryan, to our school; he is a great addition. No one had any issues with the consent agenda, and Mr. Callahan called on Mr. Burke to present the Financials.

Financials-

Mr. Burke began reviewing the financials and shared his screen. Mr. Burke said that our finances are in good shape with 152 days of cash on hand. Mr. Burke mentioned that there had been a Finance Committee phone call earlier in the week that went into great detail on the financials. He reviewed the main points of the Financials, and there were no questions.

Executive Director Report:

Mr. Burke moved into the Dashboard and reviewed the data. Mr. Burke talked about the STAR testing that would be available for the November Board meeting. He reviewed that the enrollment is 441. Mr. Burke spoke about the transition our 9<sup>th</sup> Graders are having back in the building, and he said of the increase in vaping plus the immaturity of the 9<sup>th</sup> due to not being in school. Ms. Sharpe talked about IEP meetings and SPED.



### Chairman Report –

Mr. Callahan then reviewed details about the construction and the mural's progress in the backyard. He spoke on the front glass new entrance, the Bronx Botanical Garden group and Karen Washington helping in the back yard and how most construction was finished. There was a discussion on forming the working group for the expansion.

Mr. Callahan talked about adding a parent representative to the board. Mr. Burke had a parent that he and the Leadership thought would be excellent for the board.

Mr. Callahan spoke of the Executive Director review and asked an outside consultant to train the board on ED review. Like what Digant Bahl had done tonight, we had our lawyer Sara Richmond coming in November to speak about Open Meeting Law.

Mr. Callahan then called for Committee Reports-Mr. Callahan reported that we had discussed the Finance Committee earlier, and there was a meeting this past Tuesday.

Academic Committee- Ms. Fuentes mentioned there was no meeting until after the STAR testing takes place, which would be for the November Board meeting.

Fundraising Committee-No meeting, and Mr. Callahan mentioned that this had happened in September, and we needed people to examine their lists and send in potential names. He reviewed the fundraising plans, which include a small-scale cocktail party in April or May. We do not have a venue yet; Jack mentioned that Rick M had asked Deborah Archer, the President of ACLU, if she would be honored at that event, and she agreed. Annual Report is being developed to use for fundraising.

### New Business:

Mr. O'Rourke moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Azriliant, and approved at 7:40 PM.

Next Meeting: November 21. 2021, 6:00 PM with a Board Training at 5 PM.

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John Callahan