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## Minutes–Board of Trustees Meeting

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

**In-person: John Callahan**

**By Zoom Conferencing: Rick Marsico, Denis ORourke, Linnet Tse, Sarah Fuentes, , Dan Sang, Jumaane Saunders,**

**Absent: Janine Azrilliant, Christian Bannerman, Charmone Adams**

**Executive Director Richard Burke, 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 Amy Wallace for her Board Development presentation on the Street Law and NYLaw School partnership and in school classes. Mr. Callahan reviewed that the Board would meet early on many upcoming Thursday meeting dates to continue the Board Development plan. The next one would be with Mr. Digant Bahl, our Financial consultant, who would review Charter School financing and other financial issues.

Mr. Callahan then spoke about the Board retreat on September 18 in the school and how that was also part of the Board Development plan.

Mr. Callahan asked if anyone had any questions on Consent Agenda, and he mentioned that Mr. Marsico had wanted to talk about the Union contract and a discussion followed, With everyone approving the new contract.

**Financials-**

Mr. Burke began reviewing the financials and shared his screen. Mr. Burke said that our finances are in good shape with 178 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 spoke about the opening of school, the summer PD, and how smoothly everything was moving. Mr. Burke talked about the STAR testing that was now ongoing. He reviewed hiring and the difficulty of finding suitable candidates. Mr. Burke spoke about the positivity of staff and scholars. He reviewed that the enrollment is 441.



Mr. Callahan asked about vaccinations in the school. Mr. Burke reported that we are pushing hard, but the vaccinations we know of are 42 and permission slips are at 67, but we expect many more vaccinations with sports and after school.

Chairman Report –

Mr. Callahan then reviewed details about the construction and the Saturday Board Retreat. Mr. Callahan asked Mr. Burke about the help for the gardens from Bronx Botanical Gardens, and he mentioned the muralist Alice Mizrachi.

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.

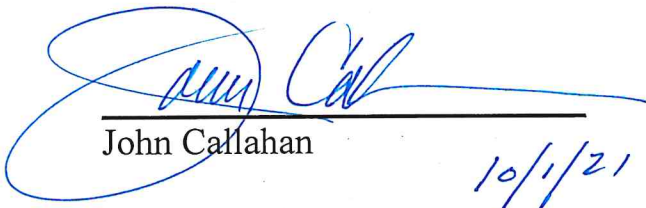
Fundraising Committee-No meeting, and Mr. Callahan mentioned that this would happen in September.

New Business:

Mr. Sang talked about the possibility of Mr. Marsico using Columbia Business school volunteers.

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

Next Meeting: October 21. 2021, 6:00 PM

  
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