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## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

June 15, 2015

### **Members Present:**

Henry A. Lambert, Chair  
Mark David  
Diana J. Lee  
Tony Betaudier  
Michael A. Catlyn  
Omighade Escayg  
(ex-officio non-voting)  
MihrainKeoseian  
(ex-officio non-voting)  
Michelle Perpignin  
(FAC-ex officio non-voting)  
DeShanaCabasan  
(FAC-ex officio voting)

### **BCS Personnel Present**

Mary Kate Boesch - Asst. Principal  
Linda Hatfield - Asst. Principal  
Jamel Cherry  
Colathur Janardhanan  
Mehari Haile  
Karen Cenname (Sp. Ed Teacher)  
Sean Perham (Faculty Rep)

### **Parents Present**

Sandra Cacho  
Felicia Alexander  
Felicia Scott  
Shellyann Brown  
Van Havercome  
OmatolaHavercome  
Makeda Guevara  
Lisa Santos  
Sherese Roberson  
Emobyalfill  
Leah Clinton  
SheronWilsee

The meeting was held on June 15, 2015 at the School. The meeting was called to order at 5:30. The minutes for the meetings held on May 26, 2015 were reviewed and adopted.

### **Finance**

Review of second draft of 2015/2016 budget. There is a projected deficit of \$156,270.  
Report on contributions from Board members

### **Education**

Preliminary report on testing.

Developmental profiles

It was reported that 2015/2016 is the last year of the five year Charter renewal. It is imperative that academic performance improve during this critical year.

The Discipline policy was handed out and approved by the Board, subject to any concerns raised by the Board after the meeting since some members did not have a chance to review it beforehand.

### **Legal**

No Board expansion is contemplated at this time.

Geraldine Brower, the person running The Wedding Garden has recommended that a second site be opened in Miami, Florida. Details to follow.

Sean reported that faculty morale was good. It was felt that there was more support from the administration and changes were being made in response to complaints.

### **Family Action Committee**

Michelle reported that the FAC was researching after-school enrichment programs for next year, including competitive chess, sports and arts. There of free tutoring available through a site 826NYCKids.

### **Head of School Report**

Omi reported that there will not be solid numbers on recruitment until the first week of Sept. Administration is working on a summer recruitment plan. End of year activities include Carnival held on June 5 and a family picnic held on June \_\_. An awards ceremony will be held on June 17. 5<sup>th</sup> grade banquet, faculty celebration, leadership retreat will also be held. The BCS Admin Team will be on site from 9:00am - 3:00pm until July 24, 2015 returning on August 20. Teachers will return on August 24.

The date and location of the next Board meeting will be set later on.

### **Public Comment**

Questions were raised on having after-school programs year round. Parents inquired on the status of Mehari with support from parents who felt he had a good rapport with students. A letter was presented by parents on behalf of Mehari. Mihrain reported that there were administrative issues with Mehari and they were not student issues. Complaints were heard about the FAC – that there was no transparency, no elections, late or no notice of meetings, keeping parents informed. One parent complained that her child was being bullied and suspended from a field trip. Henry replied that Michael is conducting an investigation. Michael reported that parent support was needed to get the Parks Dept. to upgrade the playground shared with PS 23.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diana J. Lee, Secretary