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AGENDA

Promise Academy I Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, May 17th, 2017

at

The Harlem Children's Zone
245 West 129th Street
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- I. Acceptance of the Minutes
- II. Superintendent's Updates (*Achil Petit*)
- III. Promise Academy I Updates
 - i. Lower Elementary School (*KiKi Walton*)
 - ii. Upper Elementary School (*Joseph Cordero*)
 - iii. Middle School (*Kashif Hameed*)
 - iv. High School (*Zahida Aminy*)
- IV. Financial Report (*Jim Hutter*)

The Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy I Charter School

Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

245 West 129th Street

Attendees: Geoffrey Canada, Kenneth Langone, Anne Williams-Isom, Fatime Cadoo, Aisha Tomlinson, Stan Druckenmiller, Willie Mae Lewis, Zahida Aminy, Candice Ashby, Ari Browne, Alpha Conteh, Joseph Cordero, Tracey Costello, Annice Fisher, Tiffany Fountain, Michelle Germaine, Debbie Gonzalez, Kashif Hameed, Katherine Hurtado, Jim Hutter, Katrina James, Betina Jean-Louis, Marilyn Joseph, Jazmine Lewis, Justin Maker, Mindy Miller, Kwame Owusu-Kesse, Judy Palacios, Achil Petit, Conrad Pinnock, Sheryl Ragland, Susan Rydz, Lauren Scopaz, Marquitta Speller, KiKi Walton, Bessie Wilkerson and Tonya White.

Acceptance of Minutes (Geoffrey Canada)

The meeting was called to order at 7 a.m. and a motion was called to approve the meeting minutes from March 22, 2017. The motion was unanimously approved.

Superintendent's Updates (Achil Petit)

Anne Williams-Isom reminded everyone that HCZ's Annual Friend of the Children Awards dinner will be held the evening of April 20. Nancy Roob and the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation will be honored.

Dr. Achil Petit reported that enrollment is at 1,113 for Promise Academy I and at 974 for Promise Academy II.

Dr. Petit thanked senior managers for their support during the ELA State exams. Senior Managers volunteered as test monitors for the three days of testing. Dr. Petit also reported that preparation for the math State exams continues. Math exams are held May 2 through May 4.

HCZ Promise Academy I Lower Elementary School (KiKi Walton)

The lower elementary school's attendance was at 96% for March.

Kindergarten students are currently in their fifth unit of study, where they are learning to become avid readers by reinforcing reading strategies they've learned and having more conversations about characters. First and second-graders are in their non-fiction book clubs, looking at the similarities and differences and learning about non-fiction text features.

The school continued its collaboration with the Early Childhood program. The principal escorted a few second-graders to the Singleton program site to do "Read with Me Wednesdays" for pre-kindergarten children.

Students visited the Armory for field day activities and concluded their "mindfulness" series at the Salem site.

Earth Day activities have begun at the school. Students are engaging in a different activity daily including planting, art, clean-up day, and recycling. Next week, the students will give an Earth Day performance for the parents and staff.

The school held a parent/teacher conference day before the spring break.

The school will hold an awards ceremony on April 19 for students who are doing well academically and who have improved overall.

HCZ Promise Academy I Upper Elementary School (Joseph Cordero)

The upper elementary school's attendance was at 97% for March. There was a low attendance day due to inclement weather.

The school is focusing on non-fiction in ELA with third-graders concentrating on science, fourth-graders learning about the American Revolution, and fifth-graders studying the westward expansion.

Upper elementary students are scheduled for trips to the Bronx Zoo and the Museum of Natural History to further explore their ELA studies.

The school has also promoted an accelerated reading challenge, which encourages all students to read several books a week and then be quizzed on them.

Male students had a junior Olympic event. Mothers of the students were invited to join them in a celebration.

The April book-of-the-month explored the character trait "perseverance."

Fifty students attended school over the spring break to prepare for the upcoming math exams. The last two Saturday Academy sessions for the academic year will focus on math preparation and will be held this month.

For the parent/teacher conferences held in April, 139 parents attended.

The school is celebrating 167 students for making the honor roll this past marking period.

Staff leaders took ELA teachers from both PAI and PAII to Carmine's Italian restaurant, to thank them for all their hard work during the State exams.

HCZ Promise Academy I Middle School (Kashif Hameed)

The middle school's attendance was at 98% for March. School leaders are excited about the high attendance for the month.

Students completed the ELA portion of their State exams. The principal reported that the stamina and consistency of the students were impressive.

The school held its second annual poetry slam. The students shared poetry about family, loss, joy and dreams.

Staff leaders took PAI and PAII middle school teachers out to Bowlmor Lanes to thank them for their support during ELA test preparation and the State exams.

Eighth-graders are preparing for prom, a senior trip and their graduation.

The school will be holding its third annual "Dinner with Dads" where students will invite fathers and father figures to join them for a night of dinner and basketball.

HCZ Promise Academy I High School (Zahida Aminy)

The high school's attendance was at 92% for March. Two of the lowest days were due to inclement weather.

The school held its second parent/teacher conference in late March and focused on students who made progress, with close to 200 parents attending.

Staff members wore blue in honor of Autism Awareness Month and shared facts with the students about autism during announcements and on the bulletin boards. Students were encouraged to tell their own stories of challenge.

School leaders from both PAI and PAII high schools are currently having college meetings with seniors, their parents, counselors and all stakeholders to ensure that students are making informed decisions based on tuition, cost, location and financial aid packages that they receive.

Tenth-graders went on their first overnight college tour visiting University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, Morgan State University, Georgetown University and Howard University. The effect has been positive, as the tenth-graders have begun to show even more presence in the classroom.

Juniors took their first Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) as they participated in the city-wide SAT School Day on April 5. They also took a CUNY college tour to expose them to local opportunities, as well as visiting schools outside of New York.

Coach Lawrence and the Boys varsity basketball team won the city-wide championship for the third year in a row.

Dr. Speller congratulated Dr. Annice Fisher, the Strategic Advisor for High school and College Success, who earned her doctorate in educational leadership.

Board of Trustee Election (Anne Williams-Isom)

A motion was called to approve a resolution to elect Ellanor Brizendine to the Board of Trustees as an advisory member. The board of trustees unanimously approved the resolution.

Financial Report (Jim Hutter)

The HCZ contribution through nine months of FY17 is \$200,000 favorable versus the budget. PAI's enrollment is at 1,113, two students below plan. PAI is 300,000 favorable with expenses.

Student Presentations (Judy Palacios/Kwame Owusu-Kesse)

Principal Judy Palacios introduced one of her middle school teachers, Davidson Joseph, who created an investment club for the middle school children. The club helps students to make a connection to math, by applying it to real life scenarios. Children use a virtual simulation program to make mock investments in order to understand businesses and marketing trends. The

middle school students reported on their mock investment companies and explained the process of investment banking.

HCZ COO Kwame Owusu-Kesse introduced the athletic coaches and some of the students who have benefited from the athletics program.

Athletic director Chiené Joy Jones and coaches Derek Bell, Tianna Rosa, Lawrence Tolbert and Tiffany Harper talked about their team highlights, which included the Promise middle school boys basketball team winning championships in the public school basketball league this year and the Promise middle school girls winning the public school and charter school leagues.

Students in the athletics program also introduced themselves and their team positions. Geoffrey Canada reported to the board that students have shown up every morning at 6 a.m, for practice, do well in school and exhibit exemplary behavior. All the seniors in the group have received college acceptance letters.

HCZ Promise Academy I April 2017 Attendance Report

HCZ PAI Lower Elementary School		HCZ PAI Upper Elementary School				
Date	Number of Students Absent	Enrollment	% of Students Present	Number of Students Absent	Enrollment	% of Students Present
4/3	11	291	96%	8	288	97%
4/4	20	291	93%	8	288	97%
4/5	11	291	96%	7	288	98%
4/6	16	291	95%	5	288	98%
4/7	45	291	85%	23	288	92%
4/17	37	290	87%	27	286	91%
4/18	17	290	94%	8	286	97%
4/19	7	290	98%	3	286	99%
4/20	9	290	97%	11	286	96%
4/21	13	290	96%	7	286	98%
4/24	8	290	97%	10	286	97%
4/25	8	290	97%	4	285	99%
4/26	6	290	98%	6	285	98%
4/27	14	290	95%	9	285	97%
4/28	10	290	97%	5	285	98%
Average	15	290	95%	9	286	97%

HCZ Promise Academy I

April 2017 Attendance Report

HCZ PAI Middle School				HCZ PAI High School			
Date	Number of Students Absent	Enrollment	% of Students Present	Number of Students Absent	Enrollment	% of Students Present	
4/3	5	265	98%	17	268	94%	
4/4	6	265	98%	21	268	92%	
4/5	5	265	98%	16	268	94%	
4/6	5	265	98%	23	268	91%	
4/7	8	265	97%	26	268	90%	
4/17	26	263	90%	41	268	85%	
4/18	2	263	99%	12	268	96%	
4/19	5	263	98%	11	268	96%	
4/20	5	263	98%	20	268	93%	
4/21	3	263	99%	19	268	93%	
4/24	6	263	98%	18	268	93%	
4/25	10	263	96%	23	268	91%	
4/26	6	263	98%	10	268	96%	
4/27	9	263	97%	17	268	94%	
4/28	6	263	98%	32	268	88%	
Average	7	264	97%	20	268	92%	

Promise Academy I
FY 2017 April YTD Budget vs. Actual
 \$ millions

	Budget	Actual ⁽¹⁾	Fav/(Unfav)	Full Year Budget
Enrollment	1,115	1,106	(9)	1,115
Grades	K - 12	K - 12		K - 12
DOE and other gov't funding	\$ 15.7	\$ 15.6	\$ (0.1)	\$ 18.8
Expenses:				
Salaries	9.7	9.6	0.1	12.0
Benefits	3.6	3.5	0.1	4.3
OTPS	3.2	3.1	0.1	3.9
Total Expenses	16.5	16.2	0.3	20.2
HCZ Contribution	\$ 0.8	\$ 0.6	\$ 0.2	\$ 1.4
per student (whole \$)	\$ 717	\$ 542	\$ 175	\$ 1,256

(1) Excludes bonus, growth fund, occupancy and "in-kind" contributions.
 Budget amounts have been adjusted to better reflect anticipated 2017 activity.