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## AGENDA

**Promise Academy II Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014**

**at**

**The Harlem Children's Zone**

**245 West 129<sup>th</sup> Street**

**New York, NY 10027**

- I. **Acceptance of the Minutes**
- II. **Overall Updates**
  - i. **Promise Academy Lottery (*Marilyn Joseph*)**
  - ii. **Early Childhood Transition (*Tonya White/Sheryl Ragland*)**
- III. **Resolution: Anne Williams-Isom, Board Trustee (*Geoff Canada*)**
- IV. **Promise Academy II Updates**
  - i. **Lower Elementary School (*Sheryl Ragland*)**
  - ii. **Upper Elementary School (*Kathleen Fernald*)**
  - iii. **Junior High School (*Kevin Dougherty*)**
- V. **Student Presentations (*Sheryl Ragland*)**
- VI. **Financial Report (*Alpha Conteh*)**

**The Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy II Charter School**

**Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**245 West 129th Street**

*Attendees: Geoffrey Canada, Stan Druckenmiller, Ken Langone, Willie Mae Lewis, Alfonso Wyatt (via phone), Candice Ashby, Shana Brodnax, Alpha Conteh, Tracey Costello, Kevin Dougherty, Kathleen Fernald, Tiffany Fountain, Marlene Fox, Michelle Germaine, Betina Jean-Louis, Marilyn Joseph, George Khaldun, Mindy Miller, Sharleen Morris, Steve Nisbett, Kwame Owusu-Kesse, Asif Padela, Achil Petit, Shakira Petit, Conrad Pinnock, Sheryl Ragland, Susan Rydz, Lauren Scopaz, Kate Shoemaker, Marquitta Speller, Tonya White, Bessie Wilkerson, Anne Williams-Isom, and Adam Zalisk*

**Acceptance of Minutes (Stan Druckenmiller)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 am and a motion was called to approve the meeting minutes from March 19, 2014. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Pre-Kindergarten (Kate Shoemaker/Geoffrey Canada)**

When the NY State Legislature and Governor Cuomo completed the budget in late March, they enacted a number of policy changes that affect charter schools.

Charter cannot be charged rent for co-locating in public school buildings as was proposed. Charter schools that have a co-location in place cannot have it revoked. And charter schools that are expanding or new are allowed to apply for space from the city.

Charter schools can now also offer pre-kindergarten. Promise Academy is currently considering whether or not to incorporate pre-kindergarten.

There is also an increase in charter school per-pupil funding, which had been frozen for three years. Increases will begin for the 2014-2015 academic year.

The NYC Comptroller is authorized to conduct fiscal audits of NYC charter schools, and the New York State Comptroller is authorized to conduct fiscal audits of charter schools located in the rest of the state. Charter schools are now deemed to be political subdivisions.

**Board Resolution Safety Plan (Sharleen Morris)**

A motion was called to approve, by written consent, a resolution for Safety Plans for the 35 East 125<sup>th</sup> Street and 245 West 129<sup>th</sup> Street locations. The motion was approved.

### **HCZ Promise Academy II Lower Elementary PAIILE (Sheryl Ragland)**

Attendance for the month of March was at 94%.

Students performed a rendition of "Where the Wild Things Are."

Students competed in the school's Math facts challenge championship. Top winners from each class competed against each other. The event went very well and the final champion was named.

The school is working to build student stamina and, as a result, kindergarten children are reading for 35 minutes consecutively per classroom session.

Healthy Harlem held their parent graduation last week.

Approximately 40 families attended the Fathers Fellowship. The keynote speaker was Dr. Ernest Bonaparte, a clinical psychologist.

In May, the school will begin their second grade test preparation exposure to prepare them for third grade exams.

Fifty volunteers from the Neuberger Berman Foundation, a charitable organization, will come to the school to do a project with the kids. The president of the foundation will also attend.

### **HCZ Promise Academy II Upper Elementary PAIUE (Kathleen Fernald)**

Attendance was at 95% for the month of March and is also forecasted to be as high for April.

The school held a test prep rally just before the State ELA test, and students paired up with fifth grade mentors in PAIUE.

The school held a math night for parents, who played games and learned skills they could practice with their children.

Upper elementary held their seventh annual art show at 35 East 125<sup>th</sup> Street.

Fifth graders took the role of teachers by creating lesson plans and running bullying workshops for third graders.

Testing for first and second graders was an improvement from last year. Day three of testing was challenging but the staff is confident about having prepared students to be more independent.

Senior staff mentors are meeting with their mentees to give them pep talks for the upcoming math test.

### **HCZ Promise Academy II Junior High School PAIJH (Kevin Dougherty)**

Attendance for the month of March was at 96%.

The school is in preparation for the math exams. Student confidence is more pronounced than last year.

A professional from a research center on Woods Hole, Massachusetts, visited the school to help children build an aquaponic garden on the second floor. PAIUE helped junior high students grow vegetables and care for fish in the tank.

Geoffrey Canada, George Khaldun and Rasuli Lewis spoke to eighth graders about the sixties and early seventies.

Students watched a YouTube clip of spoken word poetry in celebration of poetry month. Staff and students were asked to create a poem and carry it around in their pockets to read when prompted.

In advisory, the school is focusing on breathing techniques to keep stress levels down in preparation for taking exams. The school also started a teen health initiative with the Healthy Harlem team.

The Junior high school had a student/staff basketball game to celebrate the completion of the ELA exams.

### **Financial Report (Alpha Conteh)**

A draft of the PAII 990 Form, which is used by non-profits to provide mandatory information to the Internal Revenue Service, was presented to the Board. The form is due for final submission by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

As of March 2014, Enrollment held steady for PAII from last month. Revenues are over budget by \$200,000 due to better-than-expected special education revenue. Expenses are below budget by \$100,000 resulting in a \$300,000 bottom line.

For the remaining three months, revenue will hold at \$200,000 above budget. Expenses will be over budget by \$200,000 due to cost associated with the new PAII High School beginning next year. Yet, PAII will break even by the end of the year.

**HCZ PROMISE ACADEMY II  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
May 21, 2014**

**Trustee for Election**

*Anne Williams-Isom, Trustee*

# HCZ Promise Academy II

## April 2014 Attendance Report

HCZ PAII Lower Elementary School				HCZ PAII Upper Elementary School			
Date	Number of Students Absent	Enrollment	% of Students Present	Number of Students Absent	Enrollment	% of Students Present	
4/1	7	242	97%	2	283	99%	
4/2	10	242	96%	1	283	100%	
4/3	8	242	97%	3	283	99%	
4/4	12	242	95%	24	283	92%	
4/7	13	242	95%	29	283	90%	
4/8	12	242	95%	28	283	90%	
4/9	11	242	95%	19	283	93%	
4/10	20	242	92%	11	283	96%	
4/11	16	242	93%	15	283	95%	
4/14	35	242	86%	30	283	89%	
4/15	29	242	88%	27	283	90%	
4/16	30	242	88%	32	283	89%	
4/17	34	242	86%	41	283	86%	
4/22	25	242	90%	36	283	87%	
4/23	9	242	96%	10	283	96%	
4/24	17	242	93%	13	283	95%	
4/25	16	242	93%	28	283	90%	
4/28	13	242	95%	20	283	93%	
4/29	16	242	93%	9	283	97%	
4/30	19	242	92%	3	283	99%	
<b>Average</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>93%</b>	

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## April 2014 Attendance Report

HCZ PAII Junior High School			
Date	Number of Students Absent	Enrollment	% of Students Present
4/1	1	152	99%
4/2	1	152	99%
4/3	2	152	99%
4/4	14	152	91%
4/7	9	152	94%
4/8	8	152	95%
4/9	3	152	98%
4/10	7	152	95%
4/11	7	152	95%
4/14	16	152	89%
4/15	14	151	91%
4/16	15	151	90%
4/17	18	151	88%
4/22	23	151	85%
4/23	7	151	95%
4/24	8	151	95%
4/25	10	151	93%
4/28	8	151	95%
4/29	7	151	95%
4/30	3	151	98%
<b>Average</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>94%</b>



## Budget Promise Academy II

FY14 April YTD Budget Report

\$ millions

	Actual	Budget	Inc/(Dec)	Full Year Budget	Full Year Projection	Inc/(Dec)
<b>Enrollment</b>	676	676	-	676	676	-
<b>Grades</b>	K-9	K-9		K-9	K-9	
<b>DOE and other gov't funding</b>	\$ 8.4	\$ 8.2	0.2	\$ 9.8	\$ 10.0	0.2
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
Salaries	6.1	6.2	(0.1)	7.7	7.7	0.0
Benefits	1.7	1.8	(0.1)	2.2	2.1	(0.1)
OTPS	1.5	1.5	-	1.8	2.1	0.3
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>(0.2)</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>HCZ Contribution</b>	<b>\$ 0.9</b>	<b>\$ 1.3</b>	<b>\$ (0.4)</b>	<b>\$ 1.9</b>	<b>\$ 1.9</b>	<b>\$ (0.0)</b>
<b>per student (whole \$)</b>	<b>\$ 1,331</b>	<b>\$ 1,923</b>		<b>\$ 2,789</b>	<b>\$ 2,782</b>	