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AGENDA

Promise Academy II Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, April 30th, 2019

at

The Harlem Children's Zone
245 West 129th Street
New York, NY 10027

- I. Acceptance of the Minutes
- II. CEO Report (*Anne Williams-Isom*)
- III. Superintendent's Updates (*Achil Petit*)
- IV. Promise Academy II Updates
 - i. Elementary School (*Shondell James*)
 - ii. Middle School (*Amy Deal*)
 - iii. High School (*Katherine Hurtado*)
- V. Financial Report (*Jim Hutter*)

The Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy II Charter School

Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

245 West 129th Street

Attendees: Geoffrey Canada, Mitch Kurz, Anne Williams-Isom, Fatime Cadoo, Stan Druckenmiller, Zahida Aminy, Esther Addo, Sara Alvarado, Candice Ashby, Victor Boadum, Rowland Boateng, Ari Browne, Joseph Cordero, Amy Deal, Kashif Hameed, Jim Hutter, Katherine Hurtado, Shondell James, Justin Maker, Mindy Miller, Kwame Owusu-Kesse, Achil Petit, Jessica Rawlins, Susan Rydz, Troy Smith, and Bessie Wilkerson.

Acceptance of Minutes (Geoffrey Canada)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. and a motion was called to approve the meeting minutes from February 27, 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

Superintendent's Update (Dr. Achil Petit)

Dr. Achil Petit reported that enrollment is at 1,124 for Promise Academy I and at 1,007 for Promise Academy II.

Geoffrey Canada and Dr. Petit congratulated the PAII girls' basketball team for winning the Charter School Athletics Association (CSAA) championship.

HCZ Promise Academy II Elementary School (Dr. Shondell James)

The elementary school's attendance was at 93% for February. The lowest attendance days were due to a half day and inclement weather.

In celebration of Black History Month, the entire school competed in decorating their classrooms with little-known black history facts. Scholars circulated the 29 classrooms to share and learn about the historical facts with each other.

The kindergarten students took a trip to The Museum of Natural History.

Ten students visited the William Louis-Dreyfus Foundation Art Gallery in Mount Kisco.

Fifth-graders were visited by a comic book artist, who taught them art techniques and led students in creating and performing their own comedy spoof show. Fifth-graders also visited the African Burial Ground National Monument.

In preparation for the New York state exams, teachers gave mock exams to students and used the results to identify students who need additional help. Staff members spoke to parents about ways to help children with their work at home.

The social work team has been supporting test prep with stress management activities and helping teachers and students in the classroom with breathing techniques. Social workers are also planning to bring in therapy dogs to visit the students.

The character trait of the month is “determination” and the quote of the week is by Michelle Obama: “Success isn’t about how much money you make. It’s about the difference you make in people’s lives.”

HCZ Promise Academy II Middle School (Amy Deal)

The middle school’s attendance was at 96% for February.

Eighth-grade students spent a day serving meals to seniors with Meals on Wheels. Another eighth-grade group visited the Harlem DNA Lab, where they extracted DNA from an old virus and analyzed it.

The middle school held award luncheons for 102 honor roll students.

Students competed in a classroom door decorating contest for Black History Month. The winning classroom created a family tree with pictures of each student and details about their heritage.

Teachers and administrators have been giving small group instruction each day to prepare students for the New York state exams. Also, to keep stress levels down, there will be student vs. staff games on March 29th and a therapy dog is visiting on April 1st.

HCZ Promise Academy II High School (Katherine Hurtado)

The high school’s attendance was at 94% for February.

The school held a Black History Month celebration with the theme of honoring African Americans who have pioneered in their fields as “Black History Firsts.” Students highlighted Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, Guion Bluford Jr., George Crum, Ella Fitzgerald, Dr. Percy Julian and Kerry James Marshall. Students also attended the off-Broadway show, “Black Angels over Tuskegee,” which focused on the story of the first African-American flying unit in the United States military.

Students in the National Honor Society went on two community service trips in March. They partnered with Xavier Mission, a volunteer organization that provides basic services, empowerment and opportunities for people in need. Through volunteering, students learned about the Xavier Mission’s daily work in fighting against poverty, hunger and homelessness.

The Men of Promise, an initiative that launched in January, is a gathering of the male role models of our organization – including parents, male guardians and employees. These men discuss how each of them can be positive male role models, get involved in the daily lives of our scholars, and be effective mentors. The Men of Promise held an outing with 11 students and went to see the film Captain Marvel.

Financial Report (Jim Hutter)

PAII's enrollment is at 1,007, which is 21 students below budget. PAII revenue is \$100,000 favorable versus the budget. PAII is \$500,000 favorable with expenses at \$12.5M. There is no HCZ contribution through eight months of FY19.

Student Presentation (Dr. Achil Petit)

Out of 7,000 NYC educators nominated, three Promise Academy teachers were chosen in the second round of the Big Apple Awards this year. The awards are sponsored by the New York City Department of Education. PAII teachers Soah Narm, Christina Di Leo and Davidson Joseph spoke about their passion for community service and their appreciation for Promise Academy schools' community-based and supportive model. Geoffrey Canada and Anne Williams-Isom thanked the three teachers for their hard work.

HCZ Promise Academy II

March 2019 Attendance Report

	HCZ PAII Elementary School				HCZ PAII Middle School				HCZ PAII High School			
Date	Number of Students Absent	Enrollment	% of Students Present	Number of Students Absent	Enrollment	% of Students Present	Number of Students Absent	Enrollment	% of Students Present	Number of Students Absent	Enrollment	% of Students Present
3/1	28	553	95%	13	232	94%	22	230	90%			
3/5	23	550	96%	9	231	96%	12	229	95%			
3/6	24	550	96%	11	231	95%	9	229	96%			
3/7	26	550	95%	9	231	96%	15	229	93%			
3/8	22	549	96%	8	231	97%	14	228	94%			
3/11	29	549	95%	13	231	94%	14	228	94%			
3/12	29	549	95%	6	231	97%	11	227	95%			
3/13	25	549	95%	9	231	96%	9	227	96%			
3/14	22	548	96%	6	231	97%	11	227	95%			
3/15	114	548	79%	27	231	88%	21	227	91%			
3/18	30	548	95%	11	231	95%	12	227	95%			
3/19	11	548	98%	9	231	96%	11	227	95%			
3/20	12	548	98%	8	231	97%	7	227	97%			
3/21	17	548	97%	4	231	98%	9	227	96%			
3/22	22	548	96%	7	231	97%	14	227	94%			
3/25	19	548	97%	10	231	96%	9	227	96%			
3/26	21	548	96%	6	231	97%	12	227	95%			
3/27	18	548	97%	5	231	98%	12	227	95%			
3/28	12	548	98%	6	231	97%	13	227	94%			
3/29	19	548	97%	2	231	99%	17	227	93%			
Average	26	549	95%	9	231	96%	13	228	94%			



Promise Academy II

FY 2019 March YTD Budget vs. Actual \$ millions

	Budget	Actual ⁽¹⁾	Fav/(Unfav)	Full Year Budget
Enrollment	1,028	1,003	(25)	1,028
DOE and other gov't funding	\$ 14.5	\$ 14.6	\$ 0.1	\$ 19.3
Expenses:				
Salaries	9.1	8.7	0.4	12.8
Benefits	2.9	2.7	0.2	3.8
OTPS	2.6	2.7	(0.1)	3.5
Total Expenses	14.6	14.1	0.5	20.1
Expenses in excess of public funding	0.1	-	0.1	0.8
Contribution Components:				
Private Funding	0.9	0.9	-	1.2
HCZ Contribution	-	-	-	-
per student (whole \$)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

(1) Excludes bonus, growth fund, occupancy and "in-kind" contributions.

FY19 Budget includes PA Blueprint project