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## AGENDA

Promise Academy II Board of Trustees Meeting  
Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

at

The Harlem Children's Zone  
245 West 129<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Tuesday, December 18, 2018**

**245 West 129th Street**

*Attendees: Geoffrey Canada, Mitch Kurz, Kenneth Langone, Anne Williams-Isom, Ellanor (Bodie) Brizendine, Fatime Cadoo, Stan Druckenmiller, Willie Mae Lewis, Aisha Tomlinson, Alfonso Wyatt (via phone), Zahida Aminy, Esther Addo, 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, Toya Stilley 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 November 18, 2018. The motion was unanimously approved.

**CEO Report**

Anne Williams-Isom reminded the board of the upcoming DOE charter renewal site visit from January 15, 2019 to January 17, 2019. Both Promise Academy I and II are going through the renewal application process and the DOE will be visiting to conduct interviews, classroom observations and public hearings.

Ms. Williams-Isom also reported that the HCZ Thanksgiving event was held. Dinner was provided for the St. Nicholas community and over one hundred turkeys were given away to families as well as gift bags.

Ms. Williams-Isom reported that the HCZ annual gift wrapping event took place on December 5, 2018. Over 7,000 presents were wrapped by volunteers to be given out to children in the community. There were also performances from some of our scholars at the event.

Ms. Williams-Isom thanked HCZ board member Joe DiMenna for connecting our students with the Hamilton Education Program. High school students enrolled in US History had to submit a piece to get a ticket to the play "Hamilton" and attend a workshop to prepare the scholar to perform on stage for peers. Out of 1,200 students across ten schools, 12 were selected included one of the scholars from Promise Academy I High School. The student performed a musical rap piece about King George.

**Superintendent's Update (Dr. Achil Petit)**

Dr. Achil Petit reported that enrollment is at 1,130 for Promise Academy I and at 1,024 for Promise Academy II.

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

The elementary school's attendance was at 92% for November. Low days included the day after the snowstorm, and the day before Thanksgiving break.

The school held parent/teacher conferences and had a successful turnout.

School leaders worked with the Director of Social/Emotional Learning and held an interactive assembly on bullying.

The elementary school held a dean's list assembly where 79 third and fourth graders were celebrated at a breakfast event with parents attending.

The school held a college and career week before Thanksgiving, where students learned about different colleges.

A spelling bee for third, fourth and fifth graders, was held and a third grader won the competition.

The school held a potluck, where families brought in food to celebrate the staff members' hard work.

The quote of the month, by Shawn Carter, is "Difficult takes a day. Impossible takes a week."

### **HCZ Promise Academy II Middle School (Amy Deal)**

The middle school's attendance was at 96% for November.

Columbia University scientists visited the middle school working specifically with seventh graders.

A group of students attended the William Louis-Dreyfus Foundation gallery. Students looked at works, completed sketches of artwork and had lunch.

A group of 12 students, who previously went to the NYS Justice Center on Human Rights Day, are part of a United Nations girl advocates program. They will attend meetings with other students to discuss human rights through a women's lens.

School leaders took a large group of girl students to Google for a black girls coding event, where they met female engineers and took a tour of the organization. The students will attend two more events at Google before the end of the school year.

School leaders began an initiative called "live school learner," an incentive program in collaboration with Promise Academy I Middle School. The top ten "live school learners" were taken on a trip to see the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall.

### **HCZ Promise Academy II High School (Katherine Hurtado)**

The high school's attendance was at 94% for November. Low days included the day after the snowstorm and the day before Thanksgiving break.

To date, 94% of PAII high school students have completed their college applications. School leaders are supporting the remaining students in wrapping up their applications. A senior received an early decision acceptance to Northeastern University and will be pursuing a biology

and mathematics degree in the fall. A second senior was also admitted into Syracuse University's visual performing arts and fashion degree program for fall 2019. The principal thanked PAI high school teacher Simone Summers for working tirelessly to help the student complete his portfolio.

Students have been working hard to prepare for January Regents exams. Students have been staying late after school to receive academic support.

The school held a spirit week and will be holding holiday relay games to promote team building.

### **Financial Report (Jim Hutter)**

PAII's enrollment is at 1,024, which is four students below budget. PAII revenue is \$100,000 favorable versus the budget. PAII is \$300,000 favorable with expenses at \$8.2M. There is no HCZ contribution through five months of FY19.

### **Student Presentation**

A group of students from Promise Academy II Elementary School performed a part of their recent school play, "The Day the Crayons Quit."

# HCZ Promise Academy II December 2018 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 |
| 12/3           | 28                         | 559        | 95%                   | 5                         | 233                    | 98%                   | 11                        | 236        | 95%                   |                           |            |                       |
| 12/4           | 26                         | 559        | 95%                   | 3                         | 233                    | 99%                   | 13                        | 236        | 94%                   |                           |            |                       |
| 12/5           | 23                         | 559        | 96%                   | 3                         | 232                    | 99%                   | 10                        | 236        | 96%                   |                           |            |                       |
| 12/6           | 30                         | 559        | 95%                   | 7                         | 232                    | 97%                   | 8                         | 236        | 97%                   |                           |            |                       |
| 12/7           | 114                        | 559        | 80%                   | 20                        | 232                    | 91%                   | 29                        | 236        | 88%                   |                           |            |                       |
| 12/10          | 29                         | 558        | 95%                   | 5                         | 232                    | 98%                   | 10                        | 235        | 96%                   |                           |            |                       |
| 12/11          | 19                         | 558        | 97%                   | 7                         | 232                    | 97%                   | 7                         | 235        | 97%                   |                           |            |                       |
| 12/12          | 30                         | 557        | 95%                   | 8                         | 232                    | 97%                   | 4                         | 235        | 98%                   |                           |            |                       |
| 12/13          | 23                         | 557        | 96%                   | 7                         | 232                    | 97%                   | 13                        | 235        | 94%                   |                           |            |                       |
| 12/14          | 43                         | 557        | 92%                   | 6                         | 232                    | 97%                   | 16                        | 235        | 93%                   |                           |            |                       |
| 12/17          | 39                         | 557        | 93%                   | 7                         | 232                    | 97%                   | 9                         | 235        | 96%                   |                           |            |                       |
| 12/18          | 38                         | 557        | 93%                   | 8                         | 232                    | 97%                   | 8                         | 231        | 97%                   |                           |            |                       |
| 12/19          | 26                         | 557        | 95%                   | 5                         | 232                    | 98%                   | 8                         | 231        | 97%                   |                           |            |                       |
| 12/20          | 33                         | 557        | 94%                   | 4                         | 232                    | 98%                   | 3                         | 231        | 99%                   |                           |            |                       |
| 12/21          | 84                         | 557        | 85%                   | 15                        | 232                    | 94%                   | 36                        | 231        | 84%                   |                           |            |                       |
| <b>Average</b> | <b>39</b>                  | <b>558</b> | <b>93%</b>            | <b>7</b>                  | <b>232</b>             | <b>97%</b>            | <b>12</b>                 | <b>234</b> | <b>95%</b>            |                           |            |                       |



## Promise Academy II

### FY 2019 Dec YTD Budget vs. Actual \$ millions

|   | Budget | Actual <sup>(1)</sup> | Fav/(Unfav) | Full Year Budget |
|---|--------|-----------------------|-------------|------------------|
| <b>Enrollment</b>                           | 1,028  | 1,020                 | (8)         | 1,028            |
| <b>DOE and other gov't funding</b>          | \$ 9.7 | \$ 9.8                | \$ 0.1      | \$ 19.3          |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                            |        |                       |             |                  |
| Salaries                                    | 6.4    | 6.0                   | 0.4         | 13.1             |
| Benefits                                    | 1.9    | 1.8                   | 0.1         | 3.5              |
| OTPS  | 1.7    | 1.8                   | (0.1)       | 3.5              |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                       | 10.0   | 9.6                   | 0.4         | 20.1             |
| <b>Expenses in excess of public funding</b> | 0.3    | -                     | 0.3         | 0.8              |
| <b>Contribution Components:</b>             |        |                       |             |                  |
| Private Funding                             | 0.6    | 0.6                   | -           | 1.2              |
| HCZ Contribution                            | -      | -                     | -           | -                |
| <b>per student (whole \$)</b>               | \$ -   | \$ -                  | \$ -        | \$ -             |

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

*FY19 Budget includes PA Blueprint project*