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AGENDA

Promise Academy II Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, May 15th, 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*)
- VI. Student Presentation (*Shondell James/Zahida Aminy*)

The Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy II Charter School

Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

245 West 129th Street

Attendees: Geoffrey Canada, Mitch Kurz, Anne Williams-Isom, Bodie Brizendine (by phone), Fatime Cadoo, Stan Druckenmiller, Willie Mae Lewis, Aisha Tomlinson, Alfonso Wyatt (by phone), Zahida Aminy, Esther Addo, Candice Ashby, Rowland Boateng, Ari Browne, Joseph Cordero, Elleace David, Amy Deal, Kashif Hameed, Jim Hutter, Katherine Hurtado, Shondell James, Betina Jean-Louis, Justin Maker, Mindy Miller, Kwame Owusu-Kesse, Achil Petit, Jessica Rawlins, Susan Rydz, Troy Smith, and Toya Stilley

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 March 27, 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

CEO Report (Anne Williams-Isom)

Anne Williams-Isom thanked the Promise Trustees for their support at the annual HCZ Friend of the Children Awards on April 17th.

Candice Ashby, Director of Compliance & Reporting, reported that the New York City Department of Education (DOE) completed their renewal assessment of Promise Academy I and II and will be recommending a full five-year renewal of both school's charters to the New York State Education Department (NYSED). NYSED's Board of Regents will vote on both renewals in May.

Superintendent's Update (Dr. Achil Petit)

Dr. Achil Petit reported that enrollment is at 1,121 for Promise Academy I and at 1,003 for Promise Academy II.

Dr. Petit also reported that New York State math exams begin on May 1st. He thanked senior leaders for helping to proctor tests.

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

The elementary school's attendance was at 95% for March. The lowest attendance day was March 15th due to a half-day.

In March, school leaders focused on preparing students for the ELA State exams. The school also held workshops to help parents understand the expectations of the ELA and math exams. The school celebrated the end of the ELA exams with an ice cream party for the scholars.

In April, students and staff wore blue in solidarity of Autism Awareness Month.

First and second graders took a trip to the library.

The school awarded elementary students with perfect attendance with a special breakfast.

To further work on STEAM (the integration of science, technology, engineering, art and math), art students used science to simulate their own Northern Lights.

In May, students will exhibit their artwork in showcases and perform stage adaptations of *Matilda* and *The Hate You Give*.

The school's quote of the week is from the Harry Potter book series by J.K. Rowling - "It is not our abilities that show what we truly are. It is our choices."

HCZ Promise Academy II Middle School (Amy Deal)

The middle school's attendance was at 97% for March.

The middle school focused on State exam preparation and worked with students who required extra help.

Students in the United Nations Girls group took a trip to the Security Council Chambers. Four students participated in a simulation and negotiation. The group also saw a refugee camp and tent at a United Nations exhibit.

The school held a student versus staff dodgeball event.

Mr. Joseph and the investment club students held their annual "Investment Fair." Students had the opportunity to showcase their knowledge about the marketplace and compared their inventions and ideas to the current market.

Dhani Jones, former Michigan Wolverines linebacker and host of the CNBC series *Adventure Capitalists*, visited the investment club. Jones spoke to the students about embracing their values and friendships, and staying inquisitive.

The students were visited by a therapy dog in the Mutt-i-gree emotional competence program and nicknamed her "Promise."

The school had a staff "baby picture challenge." Students and staff tried to match baby pictures to each staff member throughout the week.

HCZ Promise Academy II High School (Katherine Hurtado)

The high school's attendance was at 94% for March.

The high school hosted its second pre-college workshop at the end of March. Discussions focused on topics such as the benefits of CUNY and SUNY schools and the financial aid process. During the workshop, administrators provided families with information about the 529 College Savings Plan and links to scholarship opportunities.

Juniors visited SUNY Geneseo and the University of Virginia. Promise Academy alumni enrolled in the universities spoke to current high school students about their college experience.

Freshmen students visited Greenkill Retreat Center. They participated in team building activities where they learned to communicate creatively in order to complete tasks and solve problems.

The following day, students went to the National September 11 Memorial and Museum. Students saw artifacts, photos and first-person testimonies and experienced archival audio and video recordings about the tragedy. They also discussed the historical context and the emotional effects on the survivors and the first responders.

PAII High School participated in the annual Forces of Nature spring concert and dance recital. Twenty-six students in both PAI and PAII High School performed.

Financial Report (Jim Hutter)

PAII's enrollment is at 1,003, which is 25 students unfavorable versus the budget. PAII revenue is \$100,000 favorable versus the budget. PAII is \$500,000 favorable with expenses at \$14.1M. There is no HCZ contribution through nine months of FY19.

HCZ Promise Academy II

April 2019 Attendance Report

Date	HCZ PAII Elementary School			HCZ PAII Middle School			HCZ PAII High School		
	Number of Students Absent	Enrollment	% of Students Present	Number of Students Absent	Enrollment	% of Students Present	Number of Students Absent	Enrollment	% of Students Present
4/1	26	547	95%	4	231	98%	20	227	91%
4/2	17	546	97%	1	231	100%	15	227	93%
4/3	8	546	99%	0	231	100%	15	227	93%
4/4	21	546	96%	10	231	96%	15	227	93%
4/5	24	546	96%	9	231	96%	16	227	93%
4/8	24	546	96%	7	231	97%	7	227	97%
4/9	22	546	96%	13	231	94%	6	227	97%
4/10	15	546	97%	5	231	98%	11	226	95%
4/11	15	546	97%	4	231	98%	11	226	95%
4/12	96	546	82%	14	231	94%	19	226	92%
4/15	35	546	94%	9	231	96%	18	226	92%
4/16	20	546	96%	4	231	98%	9	226	96%
4/17	23	546	96%	15	231	94%	9	226	96%
4/18	44	546	92%	10	231	96%	14	225	94%
4/29	33	546	94%	9	231	96%	16	225	93%
4/30	23	546	96%	9	231	96%	16	225	93%
Average	28	546	95%	8	231	97%	14	226	94%



Promise Academy II

FY 2019 April YTD Budget vs. Actual

\$ millions

	Budget	Actual ⁽¹⁾	Fav/(Unfav)	Full Year Budget
	1,028	1,001	(27)	1,028
Enrollment				
DOE and other gov't funding	\$ 16.1	\$ 16.2	\$ 0.1	\$ 19.3
Expenses:				
Salaries	10.1	9.6	0.5	12.8
Benefits	3.2	3.0	0.2	3.8
OTPS	2.9	2.9	-	3.5
Total Expenses	<u>16.2</u>	<u>15.5</u>	<u>0.7</u>	<u>20.1</u>
Expenses in excess of public funding	<u>0.1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>0.8</u>
Contribution Components:				
Private Funding	1.0	1.0	-	1.2
HCZ Contribution	-	-	-	-
per student (whole \$)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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