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AGENDA

Promise Academy II Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, November 20th, 2018

at

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

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

The Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy II Charter School

Board Meeting

Thursday, October 18, 2018

245 West 129th Street

Attendees: Geoffrey Canada, Mitch Kurz, Anne Williams-Isom, Ken Langone, Fatime Cadoo, Stan Druckenmiller, Denise Fuller, Aisha Tomlinson, Alfonso Wyatt (via phone), Zahida Aminy, Candice Ashby, Victor Boadum, Rowland Boateng, Ari Browne, Joseph Cordero, Amy Deal, Kashif Hameed, Jim Hutter, Katherine Hurtado, Shondell James, Mitch Kurz, 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 September 18, 2018. The motion was unanimously approved.

CEO Report (Anne Williams-Isom)

Senior leaders visited the Drew Charter School in Atlanta, Georgia to share best practices.

Superintendent's Update (Dr. Achil Petit)

Dr. Achil Petit reported that enrollment is at 1,142 for Promise Academy I and at 1,039 for Promise Academy II.

State Test Results (Dr. Bessie Wilkerson / Dr. Achil Petit)

Dr. Bessie Wilkerson spoke about state test results, comparing the results of Promise Academy I and II to the results of students in the district, city and state, and New York City black and white students.

In ELA, PAI and PAII performed better than all above mentioned comparison groups except for NYC white students. Dr. Wilkerson also discussed both schools' growth percentage from 2013 to 2018. PAI realized an upward trend year over year. PAII also realized an overall upward trend. The pass rates for students with disabilities for Promise Academy exceeded New York City rates. Also, Dr. Petit discussed the ELA goals and initiatives during the 2017-2018 school year that contributed to an increase in proficiency rates, which included one-on-one coaching for teachers earlier in the year, deliberate practice sessions, revision of unit plans based on pre-assessment results, improved close reading practice, improved reading volume and increased planning and staff development for small group instruction.

In math, PAI and PAII outperformed all above mentioned comparison groups. Dr. Wilkerson also discussed both schools' growth percentage from 2013 to 2018. PAI and PAII realized an

overall upward trend. The passing rates for students with disabilities for both PAI and PAII exceeded New York City's rates. Dr. Petit also discussed the math goals and initiatives during the 2017-2018 school year that contributed to an increase in proficiency rates, which included improvement in the use of data-driven instruction, increased curricular alignment, regular subject-specific professional development and increased teacher participation in afterschool and Saturday school.

Dr. Wilkerson reported on Regents exam testing results for PAI and PAII high school students, comparing Promise scores to the 2017 results for black and white New York State students and all New York State students as a whole. Promise high school cohorts outperformed the above mentioned comparison groups in the State and are passing their Regents exams in earlier grades than students in those groups taking English, math, science, U.S. History and global history.

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

The lower elementary school's attendance was at 94% for September.

The school held a back-to-school night where parents met the administration team, the specialist teachers, the learning specialists and their children's classroom teachers.

The elementary school held a Breast Cancer Awareness walk in collaboration with the after-school program. All participants wore pink and marched around the neighborhood to promote awareness and support.

The school's quote of the week is, "In the end we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." The quote by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was discussed in conjunction with the character trait "kindness."

HCZ Promise Academy II Middle School (Amy Deal)

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

The school held a back-to school night with 84 parents attending. There was a strong effort made to increase parent participation for the parent-teacher conference night two weeks later, where 140 parents attended.

The middle school participated in the Breast Cancer Awareness walk.

HCZ Promise Academy II High School (Katherine Hurtado)

The high school's attendance was at 95% for September.

On October 4th, the high school hosted a FAFSA night to help students with their college applications and financial packages.

The high school teachers began academic hour, focusing on those students who will be taking a Regents exam in January.

In collaboration with the afterschool program, the high school held a senior event at the end of September for students with good attendance and behavior. Students will be rewarded a trip to Bayville Adventure Park on October 29th.

The high school's foreign language department and student government teamed up to plan the annual Hispanic Heritage Month assembly. The event will be held on October 30th at 2:00 p.m.

Financial Report (Jim Hutter)

PAII's enrollment is at 1,039, which is 11 students above budget. PAII revenue is \$100,000 favorable versus the budget. PAII is \$300,000 favorable with expenses at \$4.5M. There is no HCZ contribution through three months of FY19.

The highlights of the PAII financial statements were reviewed and the status of the Grant Thornton audit was discussed.

HCZ Promise Academy II

October 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		
10/1	32	563	94%	7	235	97%	11	240	95%		
10/2	18	560	97%	5	235	98%	11	240	95%		
10/3	18	561	97%	6	235	97%	6	240	98%		
10/4	25	561	96%	5	235	98%	10	240	96%		
10/5	32	561	94%	13	235	94%	13	240	95%		
10/9	22	566	96%	5	234	98%	10	240	96%		
10/10	13	565	98%	6	234	97%	9	240	96%		
10/11	25	565	96%	6	234	97%	11	240	95%		
10/12	15	565	97%	7	234	97%	14	240	94%		
10/15	34	566	94%	7	234	97%	11	240	95%		
10/16	29	566	95%	2	234	99%	10	240	96%		
10/17	26	566	95%	3	234	99%	11	240	95%		
10/18	26	566	95%	7	234	97%	16	240	93%		
10/19	27	566	95%	7	234	97%	14	240	94%		
10/22	28	566	95%	2	234	99%	12	240	95%		
10/23	21	566	96%	2	234	99%	5	238	98%		
10/24	24	566	96%	5	234	98%	6	238	97%		
10/25	32	566	94%	7	234	97%	10	238	96%		
10/26	31	566	95%	8	234	97%	16	238	93%		
10/29	40	566	93%	8	234	97%	12	238	95%		
10/30	33	566	94%	7	234	97%	9	238	96%		
10/31	56	566	90%	23	234	90%	33	237	86%		
Average	28	565	95%	7	234	97%	12	239	95%		



Promise Academy II

FY 2019 Oct YTD Budget vs. Actual

\$ millions

	Budget	Actual ⁽¹⁾	Fav/(Unfav)	Full Year Budget
Enrollment	1,028	1,030	2	1,028
DOE and other gov't funding	\$ 6.4	\$ 6.5	\$ 0.1	\$ 19.3
Expenses:				
Salaries	3.9	3.6	0.3	13.1
Benefits	1.3	1.2	0.1	3.5
OTPS	1.2	1.4	(0.2)	3.5
Total Expenses	6.4	6.2	0.2	20.1
Expenses in excess of public funding	-	-	-	0.8
Contribution Components:				
Private Funding	0.4	0.4	-	1.2
HCZ Contribution	-	-	-	-
per student (whole \$)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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

FY19 Budget includes PA Blueprint project