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AGENDA

Promise Academy II Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, March 19th, 2014

at

The Harlem Children's Zone

245 West 129th Street

New York, NY 10027

- I. Acceptance of the Minutes
- II. Overall Updates
 - i. PAII High School (*Asif Padela*)
- III. Promise Academy II Updates
 - i. Lower Elementary (*Sheryl Ragland*)
 - ii. Upper Elementary (*Kathleen Fernald*)
 - iii. Junior High School (*Kevin Dougherty*)
- IV. Girls Athletic Team Highlights (*Shakira Petit*)
- V. Financial Report (*Alpha Conteh*)

The Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy II Charter School

Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 12th, 2014

245 West 129th Street

Attendees: Geoffrey Canada, Stan Druckenmiller, Arlene Gibson, Mitch Kurz, Willie-Mae Lewis, Aisha Tomlinson, Alfonso Wyatt, Candice Ashby, Shana Brodnax, Alpha Conteh, Tracey Costello, Kevin Dougherty, Kathleen Fernald, Tiffany Fountain, Marlene Fox, Michelle Germaine, Debbie Gonzalez, Betina Jean-Louis, Marilyn Joseph, George Khaldun, Debbie Kim, Mindy Miller, Sharleen Morris, 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 and Anne Williams-Isom

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 December 18, 2013. The motion was unanimously approved.

State of the Agency Announcement

In January, Mr. Canada announced that he would be stepping down as CEO of the Harlem Children's Zone this summer. Anne Williams-Isom, the current COO, will take over the role, and Mr. Canada will continue as President of the organization. Mr. Canada congratulated everyone on their teamwork and Nancy Roob, the President of the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation, gave an especially poignant speech that was deeply appreciated by the board members and the HCZ team.

Charter School Advocacy Day

On Charter School Advocacy Day, 1200 parents and staff from various charter schools joined together in Albany, New York, to discuss the legislation proposed by Governor Cuomo that charter schools be allowed to provide pre-kindergarten classes. The event was successful with thirty staff and parents from HCZ attending.

New Chancellor

Principal Tonya White said she had previous experience with the new N.Y.C. Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña, who mentored Ms. White some years ago. Ms. Fariña is described as having a no-nonsense approach to making sure children are taught by quality teachers.

HCZ Promise Academy II Lower Elementary PAIILE (Sheryl Ragland)

Attendance for the month of December was at 93% dipping down to 89% for January due to inclement weather.

The school held a winter concert which was very well attended by parents.

Preparations are underway for the Parents as Partners Association (PAPA) board elections.

The fathers of lower elementary students have been attending Fathers's Fellowship meetings and have been giving positive feedback about the gatherings.

The parent workshop went well and parents have expressed how pleased they are with the educational growth of their children.

The school celebrated its 100th day by attending a carnival. Mr. Canada and Ms. Williams-Isom joined the festivities and took photographs with the students.

In celebration of Black History month, K-2 students travelled to Riverbank State Park to see a play called "A Trip to Freedom".

The school completed its "Data Day" and an eight-week action plan looking at how the school could further develop children who are slightly deficient as well as descriptive plans for struggling students.

The school is working with the after school program to ensure that lower elementary students progress in ELA to further align with the Common Core State Standards. 95% of K level students are at or above proficiency. 97% of first graders are at or above proficiency, and 93% of second graders are at or above proficiency.

HCZ Promise Academy II Upper Elementary PAIUE (Kathleen Fernald)

Attendance was at 94% for the month of December and 91% for January due to inclement weather.

A PAIUE student who had previously been categorized under "promotion in doubt" recently improved her academic performance and is now doing extremely well.

On February 12th, there will be a third and fourth grade parent meeting.

Some of the fifth-grade and sixth-grade parents will participate in the junior high school's instrumental concert performance held on the evening of February 12th.

In celebration of the 100th day of school, there will be a pie day in March. Also, fifth and sixth graders participated in a winter Olympics as part of the 100th day festivities.

In preparation for the State test, students are taking two full length practice tests in math and ELA. The school is using several different strategies, including intensive tutoring time in the after school program.

Children have been encouraged to read a certain amount of books within a scheduled time period to ensure that students increase literacy skills.

The boy's basketball team won its championship.

HCZ Promise Academy II Junior High School PAIIJH (Kevin Dougherty)

Attendance was at 96% for the month of December with a drop to 92% in January due to inclement weather.

All 14 students who took the algebra Regents test passed, with one student only one point away from a perfect score.

The junior high school has been working with Asif Padela, who will be principal of the PAII high school next academic term, to integrate the Bard Early College Program for ninth and tenth grade students.

PAIIJH conducted mock exams in both ELA and math, which will be given in March.

The school held a Parent Café night to go over the student action plans, targeting students who had lower scores in the State exams.

The school held a “Bash the Trash” event where students saved items from the trash and made musical instruments that were reminiscent of those used during the era of slavery. This environmental initiative was also a project to get students ready for Black History month.

Three weeks ago, the junior high school re-worked their homework hour to make sure students receive the individualized support they need.

The school’s winter concert with jazz musicians is being held on the 12th of February.

Financial Report (Alpha Conteh)

Enrollment relative to budget has improved since last month. Also, actual year-to-date revenue for Special Education is higher than budgeted. As a result, cumulative revenue is \$200,000 above budget. Expenses are below budget by \$600,000 primarily due to the timing of new hires; as previously reported, the budget had assumed all positions, including those for the new middle school administrative team, would be hired July.

HCZ Promise Academy II February 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	
2/3	44	244	82%	29	285	90%	
2/4	15	243	94%	18	285	94%	
2/5	98	243	60%	75	285	74%	
2/6	10	243	96%	5	285	98%	
2/7	3	243	99%	7	285	98%	
2/10	11	242	95%	16	285	94%	
2/11	15	242	94%	8	285	97%	
2/12	12	242	95%	13	285	95%	
2/13	126	242	48%	133	285	53%	
2/14	58	242	76%	37	285	87%	
2/24	20	242	92%	28	285	90%	
2/25	15	242	94%	8	285	97%	
2/26	20	242	92%	14	285	95%	
2/27	6	242	98%	12	285	96%	
2/28	15	242	94%	17	285	94%	
Average	31	242	87%	28	285	90%	

HCZ Promise Academy II

February 2014 Attendance Report

HCZ PAII Junior High School			
Date	Number of Students Absent	Enrollment	% of Students Present
2/3	14	152	91%
2/4	4	152	97%
2/5	49	152	68%
2/6	2	152	99%
2/7	5	152	97%
2/10	2	152	99%
2/11	3	152	98%
2/12	4	152	97%
2/13	56	152	63%
2/14	18	152	88%
2/24	9	152	94%
2/25	3	152	98%
2/26	2	152	99%
2/27	4	152	97%
2/28	7	152	95%
Average	12	152	92%



Budget Promise Academy II

FY14 February YTD Budget Report
\$ millions

	Actual	Budget	Inc/(Dec)	Full Year Budget
Enrollment	679	676	3	676
Grades	K - 9	K - 9		K - 9
DOE and other gov't funding	\$ 6.7	\$ 6.5	0.2	\$ 9.8
Expenditures:				
Salaries	4.9	5.1	(0.2)	7.4
Benefits	1.4	1.4	-	2.2
OTPS	1.2	1.2	-	1.8
Total Expenditure	7.5	7.7	(0.2)	11.4
HCZ Contribution	\$ 0.8	\$ 1.2	\$ (0.4)	\$ 1.6
<i>per student (whole \$)</i>	\$ 1,178	\$ 1,775		\$ 2,367