

**John V. Lindsay Wildcat Academy Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting**

Date: January 19, 2017

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: John V. Lindsay Academy Charter School
17 Battery Place, 1st Fl.
New York, N.Y. 10004

Members Present: Harvey Newman, Richard Levine, Ron Tabano, Luba Koziolkowsky,
Douglas Knight, Lawrence Ng, Dana Jackson

Members Absent: Sy Fliegel, Rocco DiSpirito

Call to Order: Mr. Newman called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m. on January 19,
2017

The amended minutes of November 2016 were reviewed. Mr. Newman requests a motion the amended minutes.

Motion: Ms. Koziolkowsky makes a motion to accept the November 2016 minutes.

Second: Mr. Levine seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous

Report of the CEO

Mr. Tabano informs the Board that intake and recruitment has begun. We are attending numerous school recruitment fairs and receiving phone calls from various schools around the City for recruitment of new students for the spring semester. We are getting slightly less interviews for SPED students. Currently a little over 30% of our student population is SPED. We will see around 18 graduates for the fall semester. Prep classes for the upcoming Regents have begun. Students will have to complete at least 8 prep classes in order to take the Regents exams.

The Lawyers Alliance drew up the draft termination agreement for Mr. Kevin Pope. The agreement has been vetted and it was drafted cost-free for Wildcat. The payment structure is as follows. We will pay Mr. Pope \$10,800 (payment through November 16th 2017). The agreement states that once Mr. Pope receives payment, he'll surrender his right to bring any action against Wildcat. The UFT is currently reviewing the agreement, but Mr. Tabano does not foresee any obstacle on their end to sign off on the termination agreement.

Ms. Hannifah Mitchell has been substituting for Mr. Pope's Science classes since his termination. The members of the Board thank and commend Ms. Mitchell for doing a tremendous job for doing the extra work teaching the Science classes.

The City owes Wildcat approximately \$130K. The money should arrive in the next weeks.

Mr. Tabano reports that we will be meeting with the representatives of Manhattan President's office for a Capital Improvement Grant for a Q & A session. Under the grant qualification, we found that we are eligible for a grant that would cover the cost of additional and/or replacement laptops, carts and standalones. Typically they have awarded around \$100K grants to grantees. Mr. Tabano will update the Board when further news arrives. We are also meeting with the City Council's office, which is headed by Margaret Chin in the next few weeks. Similar efforts will be taken for our Bronx campus. We will be contacting the Bronx President's office for capital funding opportunities in the next few weeks.

Luis Novoa who is the Culinary Associate and helps run the Hydroponics Program at Wildcat, has been accepted and trained by a program set up by Mr. Elon Musk's brother to learn to sustainably grow crops in the hopes to teach and train others to operate their own hydroponics gardens. Through this opportunity, Mr. Novoa ultimately will grow crops from his given plot funded by Mr. Musk for a given period. He will then sell the grown crops throughout the community. Mr. Novoa will utilize the skills he learned from the program and bring them to Wildcat's Hydroponics Program and administer the model.

We are looking for our lobbyist to set up a plan to pursue facilities funding for Wildcat. Currently Wildcat is the only conversion school who is paying rent. Wildcat requests of the Board to extend the lobbyist's contract in order for efforts to pursue facilities relief for the School.

Mr. Tabano asks for a vote to approve the renewal of the contract for our lobbyist

Motion: Mr. Knight makes the motion to approve the renewal the lobbyist of contract

Second: Mr. Ng seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Tabano informs the Board that Mr. Peter Brant will have a luncheon at his estate as a fundraiser for our school. Mr. Tabano will update the Board of the results of the luncheon fundraiser at the next Board meeting.

We have been offered deeply discounted tickets for the Broadway show, Hamilton, through the Rockefeller Foundation. We will receive 60 tickets for our juniors and 6 tickets for the chaperones. The event will take place on February 15, 2017. Wildcat will play \$10 per ticket and the remaining balance the bill be funded by the foundation.

Mr. Tabano asks for a vote to accept the Morgan Stanley's investment portfolio recommendation

Motion: Mr. Knight makes the motion to accept the Morgan Stanley's investment portfolio recommendation
Second: Ms. Koziolkowsky seconded the motion.
Vote: Unanimous.

Report of the CFO

The updated report will be given at the next meeting

Report of the Bronx Assistant Principal

Ms. Mitchell anticipates around 50 new students for the Bronx campus. We continue to administer intake for the spring semester.

There were 30 students who passed ITI (Internship Training Institute) in the fall semester from a total 60 students. 12 students were either Long term absentees, terminated or transferred. In the spring semester, Ms. Mitchell there will be around 53 students who will be in ITI.

The results of team teaching have been successful. The teachers who have been successful in the project will be asked to continue with the team teaching project. The students in the team taught classes have expressed increased engagement and we have seen better attendance in the classes.

The science classes Ms. Mitchell taught have been very successful evidenced by better grades and attendance.

Mr. Newman asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Ms. Koziolkowsky moved that we adjourn the meeting.
Second: Mr. Knight seconded the motion.
Vote: Unanimous

The next Board meeting is February 16, 2017 at 3pm at the Manhattan Campus.

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm.