**Draft Minutes ALCS BOT Meeting, Thursday, January 28, 2016**

Present: Michael Ansbro, James Sander (By Phone), Desireee LaFontaine, Dr. Robert Podhurst,

Lucas Doe, Dr. Robert Blau, Norma Hurwitz, Leena Varghese, Jaime Kennedy, Ted Hurwitz

Guests: Robert McLaughlin, Stephen Grasso, Paul Augello

Meeting called to order at 6:15 PM by Chairman Michael Ansbro

I. Minutes of December 17, 2015 were approved

II. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee – Bob Blau

1. Nothing new to report

2. Lucas Doe to be added to the Finance Committee

B. Real Estate Committee – Ted Hurwitz

1. We are waiting for signed contract for purchase of 139th St. property

2. Property is six blocks from PS 65X

3. Need updated survey and environmental reports

4. Environmental studies and survey are underway

5. Potential architect has drawn up schematic plans for a 60,000 sq. ft. building

6. We will discuss the architect, attorneys, bond and other resolutions later in the meeting.

C. Education Committee – Desiree LaFontaine

1. ELA – Many of the classes showed growth from Period 1 to Period 2 assessments

2. Math – More challenges in the curriculum are introduced at this time of the year

3. Upcoming State ELA and math exams are to be untimed

III. Update on request for co-location and Archdiocese lease

A. ALCS is in contact with the Department of Education and we expect to learn in the coming months whether placement of our middle school in the X155 building is a possibility

1. X155 School building houses a District 75 Citywide Special Ed High School

2. FLAGS a small HS is also housed in the building

3. Students and visitors must go through a metal detector to enter the school

B. The Archdiocese is to make a determination whether they will lease ALCS space for the coming year

Motion to accept X155 Co-location if offered by the Department of Education – Passes

unanimously

IV. Updated Engagement Resolutions

Motion to hire Robert McLaughlin as the attorney to handle the bond purchase– Passes unanimously

Motion to approve Baird as Bond Company – Passes unanimously

Motion to approve Stephen Grasso as Architect – Passes unanimously

Motion to raise possible costs to build a school building for Academic Leadership Charter School to

25 million – Passes unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

**Next Board of Trustees meeting, February 25, 2016**