

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

Date: March 23, 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,
Dana Jackson, Douglas Knight,

Members Absent: Sy Fliegel, Lawrence Ng, Rocco DiSpirito

Call to Order: Mr. Newman called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. on March 23,
2017

The minutes of February 2017 were reviewed. Mr. Newman requests a motion.

Motion: Mr. Tabano makes a motion to accept the February 2017 minutes.

Second: Mr. Levine seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous

Report of the CEO

Mr. Tabano informs the Board that we have signed the MOU. We have urged the City not to hold up our portion of the reimbursement in the case KIPP sues the UFT and doesn't sign the MOU.

We have been awarded the 21st Century Grant. The grant is for 5 years at \$525K/year. Roughly \$200K/year will go to Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation (SASF) as our non-for profit partner and CMO. This grant will help Wildcat tremendously with our after school budget.

Mr. Anthony Brown has resigned from Wildcat after 18 years here. Wildcat has hired a new Science Teacher, Mr. Aitor Gabina-Rodriquez to replace Mr. Brown. He is State certified and has full knowledge of the S.T.E.A.M. program.

Mr. Tabano reports that the NYS budget proposal has been released by the State Government. The State Senators has proposed to lift the per pupil allowance formula for charter schools. If the proposal passes, this will give us \$800 extra per pupil. The Assembly is proposing to revert back to 2010's formula in which charter schools would lose \$500/pupil. Mr. Tabano will update the Board on the final budget when it comes out.

Mr. Tabano informs the Board that we continue to make academic intervention a priority. Our counselors, social workers, psychologist, case workers and teachers have all made it a personal goal to ensure our students have a person to support them at Wildcat. Most of our students have some sort of crisis in their lives. And many have no one at home that has time to counsel them. We feel that it's beneficial for students to receive support here and develop a relationship so an open dialogue can occur in case this is lacking in their situation.

A few of our students are receiving NADAP training in lieu of internships to obtain initial certifications in EMT, security and other fields. A couple students have received certifications and are working in those fields. It's been a very beneficial program for our students.

Wildcat has revisited relationships with the New York Aquarium and the Seaport as possible internship partners for the summer session and beyond.

Our internship attendance has been very good at around 85%.

The graduation date is June 27th at the Fashion Institute of Technology. Details of the graduation will be emailed to the Board.

Report of the CFO

Mr. Tabano informs the Board that a meeting regarding the pension was held. Morgan Stanley will investigate additional options for participants in the School's 403b retirement program.

Our CD of \$100K has matured. As advised by our financial advisor, Brad Baker, we have deposited the funds to another short-term, 4 month CD at Bank of India.

Report of the Bronx Assistant Principal

Ms. Mitchell has surveyed the teachers and staff members in the Bronx campus to get ideas to improve student attendance. One suggestion is to give extra support to students on the verge of dropping out or failing to improve their engagement. Another suggestion was to poll the students for reasons they believe attendance problems still lingers and how it can be remedied.

To better plan for our IEP students, she plans to administer a diagnostic test to a small sample group. As the results come in, she hopes them to design a course of action to capture their attention to instruction.

Ms. Mitchell has done some informal observations and she is very satisfied with what she has witnessed. She finds that our instruction is giving our students a solid foundation in their lives. She will continue to do observations, both formal and informal.

CEI-PEA has made Wildcat a part of their boost program. We will use some of the funds for a day trip to Washington D.C. She believes students need enrichment and culture that these trips provide.

Renee Delrossi, the social worker in the Bronx campus has organized a workshop to discuss cyber-bullying, sexual bullying etc.

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 April 27, 2017 at 3pm at the Manhattan Campus.

The meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm.