**Draft Minutes ALCS BOT Meeting, Thursday, August 27, 2015**

Present: Dr. Norma Figueroa-Hurwitz, Ted Hurwitz, Leena Varghese, Jaime Kennedy, Michael Ansbro, James Sander, Desireee LaFontaine, Dr. Robert Blau, Dr. Robert Podhurst, Maggie Allen

Absent: Cheryl Kramer

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM by Chairman Michael Ansbro

I. Minutes of June 18, 2015 were approved

II. ELA & Math NYS Standardized test results analysis

1. Our school once again had a higher average on the April 2015 NYS Standardized Test in both ELA and Mathematics than District 7, the Bronx, NYC and NYS. Our average was also higher than Yonkers and White Plain school districts in Westchester County. We saw gains in 3rd and 4th grade and a decline in grade five. Some growth was noted in grade six.

B. The board acknowledged the accomplishment of our two Principals and Executive Director.

III..Committee Reports

A. Real Estate Committee –Ted Hurwitz

1. Visited two lots for sale in District 7

a. Cypress Ave. – Ideal location but footprint too small

b. 139th street. Slightly larger footprint with possibility of NYC owned building for sale directly across the street

2. No word yet from the Department of Education for co-located space

3. We have been told that there is a strong chance that we will be able to lease Pius V until July 31, 2017

4. We are still looking for a space that would enable us to build a lunchroom, a parking lot and an outdoor playground

B. Finance Committee – Bob Blau

1. Audit Report will be reviewed when completed; it is due on November 1st.

2. A recommendation was made that we need to be more aggressive with our investments.

3. We will ask Paul Augello for guidance on potential investment options open to NYC Charter Schools.

C. Education Committee – Desiree La Fontaine reviewed and ALCS’ performance on the NYC Standardized Tests results in relations to the district and the city noting our results were commendable considering the challenges students face in district 7.

**Next BOT Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 6 PM**