



THE ROSALYN YALOW CHARTER SCHOOL

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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 16, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
116 East 169th Street
Bronx, New York 10463

Trustees Present

(Skype -Miguel Balbuena, Sandra Hayes, Michael Rosen) Gregoria Feliciano, Ivan Lee, Benjamin Yalow, Shirley Saunders, Alec Diacou Executive Director.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Ben Yalow, the Chair for the evening. A quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Finance report (CSBM, Michael Rosen)

Michael explained the status of our Revenue lines. It appears we will be all right with the revenue side. Our chess team received a \$3,000 contribution from the Wallace Foundation, and parents have raised \$1,400. We are behind in hiring approximately 7 teachers and social workers. Substitute teachers have been used. We still need 4 teachers and one trained Operations person.

Approval of 990 – A motion was made and passed to accept the approval of the 990 Tax Form.

Charter renewal process highlights

Much discussion ensued concerning the status of our students. The Trustees feel according to the data we have been shown indicates that our students are not excelling, especially in literacy. It appears that our upper grades are failing and we need answers to help our children succeed. Much discussion ensued. Questions like where are they failing. Who is failing? Are they the newer students, or is it due to poor attendance, etc. We are a data driven school and should have the answers. Because the discussion became highly emotional it was mentioned that the request was made to the principal last August 2017 to provide us answers so that when the State comes to visit us again in 2018 we will have implemented corrective measures. Since the principal was not present at meeting the Trustees agreed to call her and submit the following:

Resolved: The Rosalyn Yalow Charter School Board of Trustees requests the principal to submit a STEP Literacy progress report for each student currently enrolled in Yalow including baseline STEP assessment annual progress, and current STEP level in spreadsheet format by January 9, 2018.

Ben Yalow called the principal and reported the above resolution to her. Principal Belle acknowledged receipt of the resolution.

Principal Report

(See attached) Bullet points summary of 2 items, lacking data and/or description.

Absentee report

Our absentee numbers are going down
An Attendance Clerk was hired on 12/18/2017.
Interviewing for a Dean of Students – one looks promising.

Executive Director report

Alec is in discussion with Walker Memorial to enter into a 3-year lease from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021, subject to the Board's approval.

We are still waiting for an approval from Mount Saint Michael Academy approving Yalow's new 5-year lease.

New Business

Public Comment

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at - 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by
Shirley Saunders, secretary
Approved by Board of
Trustees on January 16, 2018