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Atmosphere Academy Public Charter Schools

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2015

22 Marble Hill Avenue

New York, New York 10463

Board Members Attending:

Mr. Mervin Burton

Mr. Jesse J. Greene, Jr

Dr. Migdalia Maldonado-Torres

Dr. Evan Powderly

Board Members Absent:

Ms. Vincenza Corcoran

Mr. Grant Grastorf

Dr. Michael Lagas

Father Thomas Lynch

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Colin Greene

Michelle Rumph CSBM

Mr. Christian Roman

Mr. Nethaneel Cleary

No public representation was present.

- Dr. Evan Powderly called the meeting to order at approximately 5PM.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was waived due to no flag being on site.
- Since there was no public representation there were no comments from the public to record for agenda item #4.
- This was a discussion meeting since no decisions were needed.
- Mr. Colin Greene gave a brief update on the two future facility proposals. Both are still at the early stage of discussion. Mr. Jesse Greene explained the disagreement on rent escalators for one of the projects where the landlord wants a fixed escalator and the school wants one tied to the Consumer Price Index for the future years. The school believes its future income will be limited to CPI and that a fixed escalator could pressure the budget of the school.
- Mr. Colin Greene discussed the co-teaching model and how the style of each teacher is a key factor in the success of the model. He described how this is working in the school in these first few months. Dr. Powderly discussed the need for a review of policy and process for consistent performance and behavior of all teachers. There was a discussion of the co-teaching plan for next year.
- Colin Greene discussed the hiring of a new physical education teacher to replace the one that resigned.
- The feedback on the Ribbon Cutting day was very positive from the parents.
- The Board then went into Executive Session, and there was a discussion of the leadership team and how they were developing as leaders of the school.

- After the Executive Session, Mr. Nethaneel Cleary and Mr. Christian Roman joined the meeting.
- Mr. Nethaneel Cleary discussed ethnicity of the student body and noted that not many of the student body speak English at home.
- Mr. Nethaneel Cleary also noted that early testing indicates that the distribution of math scores shows many students in the level 1 and 2 categories with a few at the higher levels of 3 and 4.
- Mr. Christian Roman next gave a discipline policy review covering detention, suspension, bus behavior and restorative justice process. He noted that so far calls to homes where there have been problems have not been happening, but that would start soon.
- Mr. Colin Greene noted that the school would soon add a bell system to aid the class transition process.
- Mr. Jesse Greene reviewed the process underway to recover two payroll payments in error that have occurred. He assured the board that the money would be recovered in full.
- There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.