

**Trailblazer's Academy
Board of Directors
December 15th, 2017
Library
83 Lockwood Avenue
Stamford, Connecticut 06902**

Attendees: Michael McGuire, Miguel Pickering, Jamie Waggaman, Edwin Naval, Steve Baker, Owen Davis, Julia Snowden, Michael Ruggiero (O'Connor Davies), Angie Tortarella, Gary Goldberg

Phoned in: Paul Cologne, Curt Battles

Agenda:

- **Welcome/approval of November's meeting notes**
- **Finance report**
- **School Director's Report**
- **School advancement committee update**

Steve Baker, chair

1. Angel Families- Domus families that still need support this holiday season
2. Introduction of Michael Ruggiero (audit manager at O'Connor Davies)

Michael Ruggiero, Senior Manager, O'Connor Davies, Accountants & Advisors

1. Review audit of finances
2. Clean audit this year
3. Data highlight- 90 cents of every dollar goes immediately to program services
4. Motion to approve the report presented to the board, approved

Miguel Pickering, Director

1. **Listening for Good**, (grant)
 - a. Analyzing feedback from student surveys
 - b. Results will be given presented by Allison Black
- **Enrollment**
 - a. New tours, exposing young people in the community to see how our school works
 - b. New students wanting to enroll in all grades
3. **Project Music**
 - a. Winter concert that will showcase our students' musical talents
 - b. Concert will include other musicians
4. **SBACs**
 - a. Reviewing 2017/2016 math/reading assessments
 - b. Teachers will be unrolling a program after break to help students familiarize themselves with the state tests
 - c. Goal: help students understand the strategy of the different state tests

Angie Tortarella, board member

1. Fundraising
2. Donations

Curt Battles, board member, phoned in
Community outreach