

Trailblazers Academy

Board of Directors

April 27, 2018

8:00am

Community Room

83 Lockwood Avenue

Stamford, CT 06902

Attendees: Miguel Pickering, Jamie Waggaman, Paul Collona, Michael McGuire, Steve Baker, Curt Battles

Called in: Angie Torarella, Julia Snowden

Not present: Owen Davis, Ike Anyaoku (currently on sabbatical), Gary Goldberg

Agenda:

- **Welcome, approval of last month's board notes**
- **School director's report**
- **Support of incoming 6th graders**
- **Finance report**

Introduction: Steve Baker, Board Chairman

- Approval of last month's board notes

Miguel Pickering, Director

- Action Plan from SDE
 - Student achievement
 - SBACS (begin Monday, 4/30 and runs through 5/25)
 - ELA, 21% of students to be at or above goal ("met")
 - Math, 14% of students to be at or above goal ("met")

Student Attendance

- Steps taken to reduce our percentage of students who are chronically absent
- Goal is 14%, current data shows 6% with a projected percentage of 7% for the year

Reducing suspension rate

- (set goal of 15%, currently at 10%)
- ISS- staff sitting with students to complete missed work

- Teacher data
 - Teacher/administrator certifications
 - List of teacher/admin certifications (January/September)

- 15/17 fully certified, other 2/17 are long term substitutes
- Incoming 6th grade students
 - Currently have 37 applications for 2018-2019
 - Ten families came to the 4/26/18 informational session
 - All families (who have submitted applications) have already been contacted by a family advocate
 - Information sessions (at night and on weekends)
 - Large population of Spanish speaking families
 - Making sure that our information is accessible for Spanish speaking families
- Edwin Naval, CFO, Domus Kids Inc.
 - Budget vs. forecast report
 - Key variances and items of note
- Steve Baker, Chair
 - Authorization of check writing
 - Miguel Pickering (Director/Principal), Michael McGuire (Director of School Support), Francesca Principe (Dean of School Culture)
 - Authorization of a check for over \$5,000, the Board needs to be notified
 - Credit card
 - Submit credit card statements to Owen Davis/Gary Goldberg every month
 - Authorization of a purchase for over \$5,000, the Board needs to be notified

Follow ups:

- Cash (fundraisers) must be reported and submitted to the finance department (Edwin Naval)
- Board review of all the manuals (handbook, policies/procedures, etc.)
- All Donor's Choose projects need to be sent to Alison Soler in development
- Set up an educational support fund