

Trailblazers Academy
Board of Directors
March 29, 2019
8:00am
Community Room
83 Lockwood Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902

Attendees: Craig Baker, Miguel Pickering, Jamie Waggaman, Steve Baker, Michael McGuire, Edwin Naval, Curtis Battles

Guest speaker: Mary Martin (7th/8th grade social studies)

Phoned in: Angie Tortorella

Not present: Julia Snowden, Gary Goldberg, Owen Davis

Agenda:

- **Welcome**
- **Teacher presentation**
- **Financial Report**
- **School Director's report**

Introduction: Steve Baker, Board Chairman

Teacher presentation, Mary Martin

- Shared the update from the academic pep rally which was held on Friday, March 25, 2019
 - Special t-shirts made and distributed to students, faculty, and staff
 - 6th graders took their SBACs this past week
 - 7th graders will take their SBACs the week of April 5
 - 8th graders will take their SBACs the week of April 12

Financial report (CFO, Edwin Naval)

- Newman's Own (new donor) \$2,500 split between TA and SA
- SIG funds
- Budget vs. Actual
 - Variances
 - Teacher's payroll (underspending of \$65,000 math/ESL positions)
 - Consultants (waiting for them to bill us)
 - Leadership training
 - Teacher coaches
- Stamford BOE budget comes out in May
- Edwin to submit April's budget to Gary/Owen prior to next month's meeting

School Director Report (school director, Miguel Pickering)

- Visiting nearly all of the elementary schools in Stamford
 - Presented information about Trailblazers Academy to exiting 5th graders
 - Brought current TA students to answer other student's questions during the presentation
- Meeting with a parent today to possibly enroll their 6th grader this year
- 4% suspension rate
- Daily attendance 96% (on par with last year's data)
 - 11 students tracking to be chronically absent
 - These students are able to attend themselves out of being chronically absent through the remaining school days
- Attended two hiring fairs
 - Obtains multiple resumes
 - Making sure they fit our mission here at Trailblazers Academy

- Charter school educator permit
 - Must passed Praxis II subject area
 - Good for 1 year
- Two upcoming Open Houses
- Current enrollment 124 students
- Generated some applications/interest with our mailings to every 6th and 7th grade students in Stamford, as well as some mailings sent to students in Norwalk

Adjourned at 9:00am.