

The Trailblazers Academy was held on February 24, 2017 in the Domus Community Room, 83 Lockwood Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Steve Baker, Chair of Trailblazers Academy, with the following Board members present: Julia Snowden, Gary Goldberg, Jamie Waggaman, and Angie Tortorella. The following Board member(s) called in: Owen Davis, Curt Battles and Ike Anyaoku. The following Board members were absent: Phyllis Alston. Also in attendance: Edwin Naval, Michael McGuire, Nicole Arnold and Alison Soler.

1. Introduction of perspective board member, Nicole Arnold
2. Steven Baker made the motion to approve the January 27, 2017 meeting minutes, meeting minutes were seconded, and approved by members of the board
3. Michael McGuire presented information on data
 1. STAR math (formative/summative assessments)
 - i. Tracks students in their cohort here at TA, in Stamford, and in the country
 2. We need to make sure we are looking at other metrics, as our students are coming to us 3-4 grade levels behind their actual grade level
 3. Alison Black, Domus Kids, tracks our data in Apricot (data system) used for attendance, behavior incidents, interventions, classroom removals, student success plans, etc.
 - i. We look at the data for discrepancies as well (tardy vs. absent students)
 - ii. Each week she, Alison Black, produces data for the leadership team
 - iii. Using the data to ensure our kids safety outside out school, as well
 - iv. Bianca Shinn (FA Director at TA), meets with Alison on Friday to review data for that week
 4. Behavior/academic support system
 - i. Adults who help our students (and teachers who need assistance with classroom management) recognize their behaviors (successful vs. unsuccessful)
 - ii. Checking that students have a plan to stay out of Problem Solving, and plan to be successful to stay inside the classroom
4. Student Success Plans
 - a. Mandated by the state of CT
 - b. Students meet with their mentors (teachers, family advocates, directors, and support staff) four times a year to help them stay focused on their short and long term goals
 - c. Social/emotional, academic, attendance goals- may be broad or very specific. For example: A student's long term college/career goal may be to play football for the University of Oregon. A student's short term behavior goal may to stay out of Problem Solving for the week by walking away from conflict and utilizing their safety plan.
 - d. Problem Solving/Planning Room data is reviewed
 - i. May be used to try to help students and adults "fix" the relationship that the data is showing if classroom removals are high
 - ii. How are the adults holding students accountable for their behavior? LSIs, parent/guardian contact, other adult interventions
5. Director of School Support Report
 - a. He runs 25 separate reports for the state that track everything from students who receive free and reduced lunch, to homelessness, teacher certification, discipline, etc.
6. Steve Baker, referencing data we (TA) are collecting

- a. How do we, as TA, compare week to week or month to month on our students' behavior/academics?
 - b. How do we, as TA, compare to our peer groups in Stamford?
 - c. How do we, as TA, track progress?
 - d. Mike McGuire stated that he will share whatever data the Board would like to know
7. Financial Report
- a. Edwin Naval, CFO of Domus Kids presented
 - b. Revised budget is still the forecast for the end of the year
 - c. We are expected to receive all of the forecasted revenues
8. Development Update
- a. Alison Soler presented
 - b. Overall fundraising
 - c. Last year, Domus raised almost 6 million dollars
 - d. \$540,000 privately fundraised for Trailblazers Academy
 - e. So far this year, \$84,000, but we are expected to raise more
 - f. Domus Gala- largest fundraiser Domus Kids does
 - i. This year our gala is May 13th
 - ii. Theme: "Beachside Clambake"
 - iii. Tokeneke Club, Darien
 - g. March Madness
 - i. Thursday, March 16, 2017 from 6:30- 8:30
 - ii. Darien Social, 10 Center St. Darien, CT
 - iii. Come and learn more about Domus Kids and what we are all about
 - h. Fairfield County's Community Foundation's Giving Day
 - i. March 9th, 2017
 - ii. Non-profits in CT compete with FC Gives Day
 - iii. Gift of \$10 is incredibly helpful because it is not how much we raise, but how many gifts we receive
 - i. Second Annual Diddy-Bop, (under 30 fundraiser)
 - i. Fundraiser in the city, 118 E 15th St, NY, NY 10003 - near Union Square
 - ii. Saturday, April 8th, 2017 from 2- 5pm
 - iii. Hosted by the Domus Junior Board
 - iv. Hoping to have over 300 people there supporting this year
 - v. Last year, they raised \$12,000 unrestricted dollars for Domus Kids
 - j. Domus Niner
 - i. 9/17/17 at Point 72
 - ii. Crossfit/athletic competition (teams and individuals may compete)
 - iii. Raised over \$250,000 last year
 - k. Domus Kids Golf Outing
 - i. 9/18/17
 - ii. Country Club of Fairfield, right on the Long Island Sound
 - l. Trailblazers Academy Graduation Event (June 2017)
 - i. Great way to see what Trailblazers Academy is all about
 - ii. Current date may change due to inclement weather

9. Wrap up- Steve Baker
 - a. Board governance
 - b. End of year evaluation
 - c. Performance metrics
 - d. Meeting adjourned at 8:58