

# Trailblazers Academy

Board of Directors  
November 30, 2018  
8:00am  
Community Room  
83 Lockwood Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06902

**Attendees:** Craig Baker, Miguel Pickering, Jamie Waggaman, Steve Baker, Edwin Naval, Julia Michael McGuire, Paul Colonna, Bianca Shinn, Angie Tortorella, Gary Goldberg

**Phoned in:** Curt Battles

**Not present:** Owen Davis, Julia Snowden

## **Agenda:**

- **Welcome**
- **Bianca Shinn, Director of Family Advocates at Trailblazers Academy**
- **Treasures Report, CFO, Edwin Naval**
- **School director's report**

**Introduction:** Steve Baker, Board Chairman

- Approval of last month's board meeting notes
  - Seconded, and approved

## **Bianca Shinn, Director of Family Advocates at Trailblazers Academy**

- Introduced tiered system to report absences
- Review data to identify students whose absences fall into the one of the three tiers
- Parent Incentives
  - Hoping to roll out after the January 2019
  - Color coded attendance report cards (quarter 1 report card night 12/5)

## **Fundraising & Development**

- Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser (Steve Baker)
  - Hosted by Cushman & Wakefield Future Leaders
  - Net \$70,000 for Trailblazers Academy
- Classroom Enrichment Grant
  - The Hate U Give book to movie fieldtrip (11/30/18)
  - Ties directly into CCSS (RL 8.7) *Analyze the extent to which a filmed or live production of a story or drama stays faithful to or departs from the text or script, evaluating the choices made by the director or actors.*

## **Treasure's Report, CFO Domus Kids, Edwin Naval**

- Year to date budget update
- Key items/donors

**School Director Report** (school director, Miguel Pickering)

- State visit
  - Adding positions, rooted in data
    - ELL support
      - ESL teacher & ESL paraprofessional
    - Leadership development
- Monthly update on key metrics
  - Attendance
    - 129 enrollment as of 12/3/18
    - Metrics
      - 36 identified as qualifying for special education services
      - 3 students currently qualify for ELL services
  - Instructional improves
    - Improve overall rigor
    - Imagine Learning (computer based)
    - Leveled Literacy Instruction (LLI- paper based)
      - Plan to implement before the Christmas holiday

Adjourned at 9:00am.