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Board Meeting Minutes

January 13th, 2020 – 5:00PM

The Board of Trustees of NYC Autism Charter Schools (NYCACS) met on Monday, January 13th, 2020 at NYC Autism Charter School East Harlem 433 E. 100th Street, New York, NY 10029

Attending Trustees:

Alysia Steinmann
Ashley Garrett
Alvin Shih (Video Conferenced)
Ben Hartman (Video Conferenced)
Carol Santiago
Elaine Florio
Hannah Hoch (Video Conferenced)
Mitchel Baum (Video Conferenced)
Paul O’Neill (Video Conferenced)

Absent Trustees:

Alberto Garcia
Christine Sandler
Ilene Lainer
Naeema Livingston

Attendees at the Invitation of the Board:

Julie Fisher, Executive Director
Tiffney Jones, Director of Finance
Christina Secharan, Operations Manager
Dwayne Andrews, P B. Jenkins and Associates

1. Call to order

Action: Ms. Santiago called the NYCACS general meeting to order at 5:03pm.

2. Board Business

a. Minutes from Board Meeting December 16th, 2019

- At 5:04pm the minutes of the December 16th, 2019 Board meeting were reviewed. **Action:** Ms. Garrett motioned to approve the December 16th, 2019 minutes. Ms. Santiago abstained from the vote as she was not in attendance at the December Board meeting. Ms. Hoch seconded the motion in which the Board voted, and the minutes were approved by majority vote.

3. Committee and Subcommittee Update

a. Development Committee

- **Giving Tuesday and End of Year Final Tally**

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- i. At 5:05 Ms. Fisher provided a general overview of the Giving Tuesday and Annual Appeal tally which was higher than budgeted.

- **Development Staffing/ Structure Change**

- i. At 5:07pm Ms. Fisher announced that a new Director of Development will start February 3rd, 2020 and will work 3 days per week.

b. Governance Committee

- **Trustee Candidate**

- i. At 5:09pm Ms. Fisher provided an update to the Board on a potential Trustee candidate. She will see if he is able to attend the February retreat for a formal introduction.

- **Board Retreat**

- i. At 5:13pm Ms. Fisher reviewed the proposed Board Retreat agenda.

- **Board Self Evaluation Survey**

- i. At 5:17pm Ms. Santiago asked the Board for input on the Board Self Evaluation Survey questions and suggested changes before the survey is distributed.

4. School Updates

a. Per Pupil Funding Efforts and Next Steps

- At 5:25pm Mr. Andrews reviewed the organization's attempts to date to secure a funding increase in response to the freeze that has been in place for almost eight years. He informed the Board that, despite positive steps, there is still no official resolution.

b. InnovationCon Reminder

- At 6:07pm Ms. Fisher reminded the Board about an upcoming staff presentation event – the first annual NYCACS InnovationCon – taking place on February 19th. Trustees are encouraged to attend and serve on the panel of judges.

5. Closing Items

a. Adjourn Meeting

- **Action:** Mr. Baum motioned to adjourn the NYCACS Board meeting. Ms. Garrett seconded the motion in which the Board voted, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:09pm.