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AGENDA

Promise Academy I Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, December 18th, 2019

at

The Harlem Children's Zone
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- I. Acceptance of the Minutes
- II. CEO Report (*Anne Williams-Isom*)
- III. Superintendent's Updates (*Achil Petit*)
- IV. Promise Academy I Updates
 - i. Elementary School (*Joseph Cordero*)
 - ii. Middle School (*Madelaine German-Schultz*)
 - iii. High School (*Susan Rydz*)
- V. Financial Report (*Jim Hutter*)

The Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy I Charter School

Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

245 West 129th Street

Attendees: Geoffrey Canada, Fatime Cadoo, Kenneth Langone, Mitch Kurz, Anne Williams-Isom, Bodie Brizendine (by phone), Stan Druckenmiller, Keith Meister (by phone), Aisha Tomlinson, Alfonso Wyatt (by phone), Candice Ashby, Victor Boadum, Rowland Boateng, Ari Browne, Joseph Cordero, Amy Deal, Kashif Hameed, Jim Hutter, Jennifer Klein, Shondell James, Betina Jean-Louis, Justin Maker, Kwame Owusu-Kesse, Achil Petit, Jessica Rawlins, Susan Rydz, Madelaine Schultz, Troy Smith, Karen Sodomick, and Toya Stilley

Acceptance of Minutes (Geoffrey Canada)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. and a motion was called to approve the meeting minutes from October 30, 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

Superintendent's Update (Dr. Achil Petit)

Dr. Achil Petit reported that enrollment is at 1,135 for Promise Academy I and at 1,036 for Promise Academy II.

Dr. Petit also reported that 20 Promise Academy teachers attended the annual gala for Determined to Educate (DTE). As a partner of HCZ and Promise Academy, DTE invites professionals to visit HCZ staff and scholars for inspirational talks on career and life choices. The teachers were acknowledged at the event for their contributions to education.

HCZ Promise Academy I Elementary School (Dr. Joseph Cordero)

The elementary school's attendance was at 95% for October.

Staff engaged in professional development including workshops in intellectual data analysis, increasing literacy, special education referrals and social-emotional learning. Physical education teachers also attended a professional development event at Adelphi University.

The New York Fire Department spoke to first graders about careers as firefighters during a visit to the school.

Students took a trip to Queens County Farm and learned about quilt-making.

The school gave away 208 turkeys to families of elementary scholars during the annual Thanksgiving turkey distribution.

Dr. Cordero thanked the HCZ development department and Dr. Petit for the opportunity to reward a scholar and his family with tickets to the play "Hamilton."

HCZ Promise Academy I Middle School (Madelaine Schultz)

The middle school's attendance was at 97% for October.

At the beginning of the month, middle school scholars celebrated "Space Week" with science classes led by guests from ERC Engineering company, NASA and U.S. Space and Rocket Center. Sixth-grade scholars launched rocket ships, seventh-grade scholars made lunar rovers and eighth-grade scholars made supersonic parachutes.

In October, scholars celebrated "Kindness Month" by creating anti-bullying artwork and making commitments to perform acts of kindness. These commitments were posted on the wall as part of the school's "Kindness Tree."

During a town hall meeting with Dr. Petit, scholars had the opportunity to ask the superintendent questions about the school and his role at HCZ.

HCZ Promise Academy I High School (Susan Rydz)

The high school's attendance was at 96% for October. Staff members will continue outreach efforts to ensure good attendance.

On October 30th, scholars watched "Harriet" at the Magic Johnson Theater. The film focused on the life of abolitionist Harriet Tubman, who led hundreds of enslaved people to freedom on the Underground Railroad.

In early November, scholars prepared for the student government elections and delivered electoral speeches during their lunch periods. Elections were held on November 4th.

On November 5th, the high school held a team-building activity for staff with games, prizes and music.

Thirty-five scholars with perfect attendance were celebrated and acknowledged with a luncheon.

On November 19th, a painting activity was held for senior scholars.

The school culture theme of the month was "gratitude." Teachers encouraged scholars to think about aspects of the world that they are grateful for.

Financial Report (Jim Hutter)

PAI's enrollment is at 1,135, which is seven students favorable. PAI revenue is on track with its budget. PAI is also on track with expenses at \$6.4M. There is no HCZ contribution through the first four months of FY20.

Student Presentation (Dr. Achil Petit)

Promise Academy students who perform as part of the Forces of Nature dance company had the opportunity to travel to South Africa and perform in a competition at the Soweto theater in Johannesburg. Forces of Nature Artistic Director Abdel Salaam and two of the scholars spoke about the trip and expressed how humbled they were by the experience. The scholars were grateful for the opportunity.

HCZ Promise Academy I November 2019 Attendance Report

Date	HCZ PAI Elementary School				HCZ PAI Middle School				HCZ PAI High School			
	Number of Students Absent	Enrollment	% of Students Present	Number of Students Absent	Enrollment	% of Students Present	Number of Students Absent	Enrollment	% of Students Present	Number of Students Absent	Enrollment	% of Students Present
11/1	42	655	94%	9	240	96%	12	246	95%			
11/4	33	652	95%	7	240	97%	9	245	96%			
11/6	19	652	97%	4	240	98%	6	245	98%			
11/7	25	652	96%	4	240	98%	8	245	97%			
11/8	26	652	96%	7	240	97%	8	243	97%			
11/12	24	652	96%	9	240	96%	7	243	97%			
11/13	18	652	97%	11	240	95%	4	243	98%			
11/14	25	652	96%	9	240	96%	11	243	95%			
11/15	33	652	95%	13	240	95%	7	243	97%			
11/18	38	652	94%	8	240	97%	10	243	96%			
11/19	18	651	97%	4	240	98%	6	243	98%			
11/20	12	651	98%	4	240	98%	8	243	97%			
11/21	17	651	97%	3	240	99%	7	243	97%			
11/22	34	651	95%	8	240	97%	6	243	98%			
11/25	22	650	97%	12	240	95%	13	242	95%			
11/26	21	650	97%	13	240	95%	6	242	98%			
11/27	99	650	85%	41	240	83%	33	242	86%			
Average	30	652	95%	10	240	96%	9	243	96%			

Promise Academy I

FY 2020 November YTD Budget vs. Actual \$ millions

	Budget	Actual ⁽¹⁾	Fav/(Unfav)	Full Year Budget
Enrollment	1,128	1,130	2	1,128
DOE and other gov't funding	\$ 8.9	\$ 8.8	\$ (0.1)	\$ 21.4
Expenses:				
Salaries	5.4	5.4	-	12.7
Benefits	1.7	1.7	-	4.0
OTPS	1.6	1.6	-	3.8
Total Expenses	8.7	8.7	-	20.5
Expenses in excess of public funding	-	-	-	-
Contribution Components:				
Private Funding	0.5	0.5	-	1.3
HCZ Contribution	-	-	-	-
per student (whole \$)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

(1) Excludes bonus, growth fund, occupancy and "in-kind" contributions.

FY20 Operating Budget does not include PA Blueprint project