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AGENDA

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

at

The Harlem Children's Zone
245 West 129th Street
New York, NY 10027

- I. Acceptance of the Minutes
- II. CEO Report (*Anne Williams-Isom*)
- III. Superintendent's Updates (*Achil Petit*)
- IV. Promise Academy II Updates
 - i. Elementary School (*Shondell James*)
 - ii. Middle School (*Amy Deal*)
 - iii. High School (*Kashif Hameed*)
- V. Financial Report (*Jim Hutter*)

The Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy II 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 II Elementary School (Dr. Shondell James)

The elementary school's attendance was at 94% for October.

In celebration of Halloween, the school held a Book-a-Ween event for grades K-5. Students and staff dressed up for the day as a character from their favorite book. Grades 3-5 also went trick or treating at PAII Middle School. Senior staff members dressed in costume and visited school sites as part of the annual "Character Express."

Students are engaging in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) in new and exciting ways. Fourth and fifth-grade students are involved in "Makerspace," a science class that teaches students how to create objects in a collaborative workspace using recyclable materials. In third grade, students are building sailboats and learning about states of matter.

In social studies, students are working on Google Slide presentations about continents and connecting with people from different cultures.

Students are preparing to perform in the play “The Paper Bag Princess” and for a December winter concert.

The quote of the week is an African proverb: “One doesn’t forgo sleeping because of the possibility of nightmares.”

HCZ Promise Academy II Middle School (Amy Deal)

The middle school’s attendance was at 96% for October.

Seventh graders went on an overnight trip to the Fresh Air Fund’s Sharpe Reservation. Students enjoyed team-building activities and nature walks. Sixth-grade students visited the Wolf Conservation Center.

Cornell scientists visited the middle school and guided the scholars in science experiments with electrons.

Staff celebrated Unity Day by participating in a potluck and wearing matching shirts.

HCZ Promise Academy II High School (Kashif Hameed)

The high school’s attendance was at 96% for October. Staff members will continue to be intentional about keeping attendance rates high.

The high school held student government elections. The new class president met with the principal to discuss encouraging student attendance and other student initiatives.

Students and staff relaxed on the day before Thanksgiving break with basketball, dodgeball, tug-of-war and painting.

High school students are preparing for their Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) on December 7th.

In the spring, New York Times reporter, Robin Pogrebin, will be volunteering her services to help high school students with their college personal statements.

PAII Financial Report (Jim Hutter)

PAII’s enrollment is at 1,036, which is eight students favorable. PAII revenue is \$100,000 unfavorable versus budget. PAII is also on \$100,000 favorable with expenses at \$6.1M. 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 II

November 2019 Attendance Report

Date	HCZ PAII Elementary School				HCZ PAII Middle School				HCZ PAII 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	53	572	91%	10	256	96%	8	208	96%	8	208	96%
11/4	29	571	95%	6	256	98%	13	208	94%	13	208	94%
11/6	18	570	97%	6	256	98%	5	208	98%	5	208	98%
11/7	30	570	95%	3	256	99%	7	208	97%	7	208	97%
11/8	30	570	95%	7	256	97%	10	208	95%	10	208	95%
11/12	32	570	94%	8	256	97%	4	208	98%	4	208	98%
11/13	27	570	95%	15	256	94%	8	208	96%	8	208	96%
11/14	33	570	94%	10	256	96%	9	208	96%	9	208	96%
11/15	37	570	94%	9	256	96%	13	208	94%	13	208	94%
11/18	49	570	91%	9	256	96%	13	208	94%	13	208	94%
11/19	36	570	94%	6	257	98%	5	208	98%	5	208	98%
11/20	34	570	94%	5	257	98%	3	208	99%	3	208	99%
11/21	44	570	92%	3	257	99%	7	208	97%	7	208	97%
11/22	46	570	92%	6	257	98%	6	208	97%	6	208	97%
11/25	37	570	94%	7	257	97%	9	208	96%	9	208	96%
11/26	34	569	94%	14	257	95%	10	208	95%	10	208	95%
11/27	78	569	86%	34	257	87%	22	208	89%	22	208	89%
Average	38	570	93%	9	256	96%	9	208	96%	9	208	96%



Promise Academy II

FY 2020 November YTD Budget vs. Actual \$ millions

	Budget	Actual ⁽¹⁾	Fav/(Unfav)	Full Year Budget
Enrollment	1,028	1,032	4	1,028
DOE and other gov't funding	\$ 8.4	\$ 8.3	\$ (0.1)	\$ 20.2
Expenses:				
Salaries	5.4	5.3	0.1	12.6
Benefits	1.6	1.5	0.1	4.0
OTPS	1.3	1.4	(0.1)	3.1
Total Expenses	8.3	8.2	0.1	19.7
Expenses in excess of public funding	-	-	-	-
Contribution Components:				
Private Funding	0.5	0.5	-	1.2
HCZ Contribution	-	-	-	-
per student (whole \$)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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

FY20 Operating Budget does not include PA Blueprint project