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## AGENDA

Promise Academy I Board of Trustees Meeting  
Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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*)
- VI. Student Presentation (*Joseph Cordero*)

**The Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy I Charter School**

**Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

**245 West 129th Street**

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

**Acceptance of Minutes (Stan Druckenmiller)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m., and a motion was called to approve the meeting minutes from December 18, 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Superintendent's Update (Dr. Achil Petit)**

Dr. Achil Petit reported that enrollment is at 1,128 for Promise Academy I and at 1,031 for Promise Academy II.

Dr. Petit informed the board that the New York State exams are scheduled earlier this year than in the previous year. ELA exams will be held between March 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, and math exams will be held between April 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Bridget O'Neill, the former education director for PAIHS, was appointed to the position of interim principal of the school.

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

The elementary school's attendance was at 92% for December. The lowest attendance days were due to a half-day of school on the 13<sup>th</sup> and the day before the holiday break.

Fourth graders enjoyed a trip to the New York Transit Museum, where they learned about electricity and circuits in the subway system.

During the half-day of school on December 13<sup>th</sup>, school leaders held a professional development workshop with the ELA program and a workshop on student discourse for math. Additional professional development was also hosted at PAII.

Progress reports were sent out for the marking period and were followed up with parent-teacher conferences before the break.

Kindergarten students went to the Children's Museum of Manhattan to explore the "Adventures with Dora and Diego" exhibit, where they learned about contributing to their community.

The kids attended a performance of *Dog Man: The Musical* at the Mayo Performing Arts Center.

All PAI Elementary staff members received custom-designed school sweatshirts in celebration of the holidays.

### **HCZ Promise Academy I Middle School (Madelaine Schultz)**

The middle school's attendance was at 94% for December.

Students in the music program performed in the Winter Showcase. Students in the dance program, Forces of Nature, performed at the Apollo.

The school selected a senior committee of eighth graders to plan this year's prom and graduation. Some scholars stayed after school to work on a guided science experiment.

### **HCZ Promise Academy I High School (Susan Rydz)**

The high school's attendance was at 95% for December.

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, pre-AP theater scholars attended an off-Broadway play, *The Young Man from Atlanta*.

Scholars in the music program performed during the school's Winter Concert.

The school held a spirit week for scholars and staff, which boosted morale leading up to the break.

PAI and PAII seniors participated in a snow-tubing event before the break. This was followed by a homecoming game and pep rally, where students played basketball against Promise Academy alumni.

"Bingo Night" brought together both Promise Academy I and II families for a night of fun.

### **Financial Report (Jim Hutter)**

PAI's enrollment is at 1,128, which is on target with the budget. PAI revenue is \$100,000 unfavorable versus the budget. PAI is \$100,000 unfavorable with expenses at \$10.3M. There is no HCZ contribution through six months of FY20.

### **Creating a Culture of Reading**

Kelly Willinger, an education director at PAI Elementary, and Sherly Romulus, a third-grade ELA teacher, presented on the school's efforts to create a strong culture of reading for scholars. Ms. Willinger spoke about the school's partnership with The Book Fairies, a not-for-profit organization that collects reading materials for educators and schools throughout New York City. Ms. Romulus spoke about the school's use of Accelerated Reader, a program that catalogs scholars' reading progress and quizzes them on the books they've read. The program recorded over 75,000 books read by PAI elementary scholars within the last school year. A short video was also shown on the initiatives at the school to develop a culture of reading amongst scholars.

# HCZ Promise Academy I

## January 2020 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
1/2	93	650	86%	24	239	90%	33	238	86%
1/3	79	650	88%	19	239	92%	12	238	95%
1/6	34	650	95%	9	239	96%	12	238	95%
1/7	26	650	96%	12	239	95%	7	238	97%
1/8	25	650	96%	9	239	96%	13	238	95%
1/9	16	650	98%	11	239	95%	6	238	97%
1/10	26	650	96%	14	239	94%	11	238	95%
1/13	35	650	95%	11	239	95%	14	238	94%
1/14	41	650	94%	14	239	94%	9	237	96%
1/15	34	650	95%	11	238	95%	8	237	97%
1/16	30	650	95%	9	238	96%	11	237	95%
1/17	37	650	94%	10	238	96%	7	237	97%
1/21	39	650	94%	11	237	95%	Regents Exams		
1/22	32	650	95%	9	237	96%			
1/23	39	650	94%	11	237	95%			
1/24	40	650	94%	13	237	95%			
1/27	40	650	94%	9	237	96%	16	237	93%
1/28	31	650	95%	6	237	97%	14	237	94%
1/29	37	650	94%	14	237	94%	10	237	96%
1/30	33	650	95%	18	237	92%	11	237	95%
1/31	57	650	91%	11	237	95%	13	237	95%
<b>Average</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>95%</b>

## Promise Academy I

### FY 2020 January YTD Budget vs. Actual \$ millions

	Budget	Actual <sup>(1)</sup>	Fav/(Unfav)	Full Year Budget
Enrollment	1,128	1,124	(4)	1,128
DOE and other gov't funding	\$ 12.5	\$ 12.4	\$ (0.1)	\$ 21.4
Expenses:				
Salaries	7.3	7.3	-	12.7
Benefits	2.3	2.3	-	4.0
OTPS	2.2	2.3	(0.1)	3.8
Total Expenses	11.8	11.9	(0.1)	20.5
Expenses in excess of public funding	-	-	-	-
Contribution Components:				
Private Funding	0.8	0.8	-	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