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Promise Academy II®

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AGENDA

Harlem Children's Zone (HCZ) Promise Academy II
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, February 13th, 2024
at
245 West 129th Street
New York, NY

- I. Acceptance of the Minutes
- II. CEO Report (*Kwame Owusu-Kesse*)
- III. Superintendent's Updates (*Achil Petit*)
- IV. HCZ Promise Academy II Updates
 - i. Elementary School (*Amanda Neal*)
 - ii. Middle School (*Ryan Carroll*)
 - iii. High School (*Kaitlynn Conwright*)
- V. Financial Report (*Ralph Stefano*)

**Harlem Children's Zone (HCZ) Promise Academy II Charter School
Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 30, 2024
245 West 129th Street**

Attendees: Geoffrey Canada, Kwame Owusu-Kesse, Mitch Kurz, Fatime Cadoo, Stan Druckenmiller, Denise Fuller, Willie Mae Lewis, Aisha Tomlinson, Alfonso Wyatt, Candice Ashby, Saskia Brown, Ari Browne, Ryan Carroll, Kaitlynn Conwright, Amy Deal, Connor Fournier, LaKiesha George, Madelaine German-Schultz, Irais Jones, Jenn Klein, Jazmine Lewis, Stephanie Lilavois, Katherine Martinez, Liam McCarthy, Amanda Neal, Michelle Paige, Achil Petit, Ralph Stefano, Toya Stilley, and Ryan Warren.

Acceptance of Minutes (Geoffrey Canada)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM, and a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 14, 2023, was unanimously approved.

CEO Report (Kwame Owusu-Kesse)

Chief Executive Officer Kwame Owusu-Kesse reminded the board that HCZ's Chief Financial Officer Connor Fournier's last day with the organization is February 2. Mr. Owusu-Kesse thanked Mr. Fournier for his three years of service.

Mr. Owusu-Kesse introduced Ralph Stefano, Harlem Children's Zone's Interim CFO. Mr. Stefano joins HCZ with over 25 years of experience. He was the COO and CFO of the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation for 25 years. In 2015, he and other partners in the Foundation started Blue Meridian Partners, a pioneering and high-growth philanthropic model that addresses poverty in America.

Members of HCZ's Senior Leadership Team are working with Wealth Builds to provide college and career readiness support to scholars. The HCZ Scholarship Program process is in its final stages.

Mr. Owusu-Kesse, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Saskia Brown, Chief Development Officer Jennifer Klein, and Managing Director of College Success Office Kevin Dougherty conducted several meetings with college and university leaders to gain insight into preparing scholars for higher education. Mr. Owusu-Kesse thanked Ms. Klein for her support in this work.

Superintendent's Update (Dr. Achil Petit)

Superintendent Dr. Achil Petit reported that enrollment is 1,169 for HCZ Promise Academy I and 1,030 for HCZ Promise Academy II.

Dr. Petit thanked the board for participating in the charter renewal process and for meeting with the New York City Department of Education's Charter School Authorizing Team.

On January 29, Manhattan Regent Shino Tanikawa of the New York State Education Department visited HCZ Promise Academy II Elementary School. Ms. Tanikawa was given a tour of the new building and met with HCZ Promise Academy leaders to discuss both charter schools.

Dr. Petit thanked HCZ Promise Academy leaders for their support.

HCZ Promise Academy II Elementary School (Amanda Neal)

Principal Amanda Neal reported the Elementary School's attendance was 89% for December.

The Elementary School hosted Reindeer Games, a holiday celebration for staff.

The Elementary School partnered with HCZ Promise Academy After School to host Winter Fest, where scholars danced, created art, and received gifts.

Over 150 families attended parent-teacher conferences at the beginning of the year.

Fourth- and fifth-grade scholars won the Charter Schools Athletic Association co-ed basketball championship.

HCZ Promise Academy II Middle School (Ryan Carroll)

Principal Ryan Carroll reported that the Middle School's attendance was 92% for December.

Staff members came together to celebrate the holidays.

On December 6, the Middle School hosted a professional development session. Staff members reviewed Panorama survey results designed to identify scholars' social-emotional learning competencies, and teachers created plans to address any learning gaps.

Scholars attended a field trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

In December, the Middle School hosted a school picture day.

The Middle School completed i-Ready mid-year screening assessments and used data from the assessments to generate a new curriculum for extended learning in preparation for testing season.

The Middle School hosted parent-teacher conferences.

HCZ Promise Academy II High School (Kaitlynn Conwright)

Principal Kaitlynn Conwright reported that the High School's attendance was 89% for December.

In December, the High School hosted a door decorating contest.

The High School hosted a half-day of professional development.

As part of holiday celebrations, High School leaders and administrative staff provided a free period for teachers by substituting for their classes.

The High School completed its college application season.

Financial Update (Connor Fournier)

CFO Connor Fournier reported that HCZ Promise Academy I's enrollment is 1,030, which is 25 unfavorable versus the budget. The school's revenue is \$0.3M unfavorable at \$11.2M. Expenses are \$1.7M favorable, at \$9.8M. HCZ has not made a contribution through six months of FY24.

HCZ Promise Academy II January 2024 Attendance Report

Date	HCZ PAII Elementary School			HCZ PAII Middle School			HCZ PAII High School		
	Number of Students		% of Students	Number of Students		% of Students	Number of Students		% of Students
	Absent	Enrollment	Present	Absent	Enrollment	Present	Absent	Enrollment	Present
1/3	55	560	90%	24	261	91%	23	210	89%
1/4	30	560	95%	16	261	94%	14	210	93%
1/5	57	560	90%	19	261	93%	23	210	89%
1/8	45	560	92%	13	261	95%	13	210	94%
1/9	36	560	94%	14	261	95%	14	210	93%
1/10	42	559	92%	22	261	92%	13	210	94%
1/11	33	559	94%	13	261	95%	13	209	94%
1/12	54	559	90%	12	261	95%	12	209	94%
1/16	98	558	82%	49	261	81%	35	209	83%
1/17	28	558	95%	22	261	92%	23	209	89%
1/18	37	558	93%	18	261	93%	13	209	94%
1/19	69	558	88%	21	261	92%	19	209	91%
1/22	50	558	91%	11	261	96%	14	209	93%
1/23	36	558	94%	16	261	94%	Regents Exams		
1/24	43	558	92%	13	261	95%			
1/25	36	558	94%	18	261	93%			
1/26	36	558	94%	11	261	96%			
1/29	43	554	92%	17	261	93%	17	208	92%
1/30	39	553	93%	9	261	97%	16	208	92%
1/31	42	553	92%	25	261	90%	24	207	88%
Average	45	558	92%	18	261	93%	18	209	91%



Promise Academy II

FY 2024 December YTD Budget vs. Actual

\$ millions

		Budget	Actual	Fav/(Unfav)	Full Year Budget
Enrollment		1,055	1,030	(25)	1,055
DOE and other gov't funding	(a)	\$ 11.5	\$ 11.2	\$ (0.3)	\$ 23.1
Expenses:					
Salaries		7.4	6.6	0.8	14.7
Benefits		2.2	1.6	0.6	4.5
OTPS		1.9	1.6	0.3	3.9
Total Expenses	(b)	11.5	9.8	1.7	23.0
Expenses in excess of public funding		-	-	-	-
Contribution Components:					
HCZ Contribution		-	-	-	-
per student (whole \$)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

(a) Excludes funding from Federal ESSER and Robertson Foundation.

(b) Excludes PA Initiatives, bonus, growth fund, COVID/Emergency relief & other HCZ allocations.