

Board of Trustees—Minutes

March 21, 2024

Trustees Present: Jon Sichel, Tasheem Quayenortey, June Smith, Eric London & Rodney Capel (video conference)

Absent: Tracy Hampton, Peggy Culver, Basil Smikle & Evena Everett

Executive Staff Present: Leonard Goldberg, Jessica Marcu, Emily Samuels, Joanne Hazel, Kaitlin Francis & Sade McCaw

Public Notification: Notice of meeting sent to Amsterdam News for addition to Events Calendar (March 7, 2024) and added to OCS website (March 7, 2024). Attending Members of the Board of Trustees met via Zoom at 5:00pm.

Adoption of February Board of Trustees' Minutes

A vote to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2024 BOT meeting was taken with all in favor and no dissentions.

- **OCS Report to the Board-** Leonard Goldberg, CEO
- Curriculum Overview, Jessica Marcu, Head of School
 - Middle School-HMH Science Dimensions
 - High School Science
 - 9th Grade-HMH Dimensions-Biology
 - 10th Grade-HMH Dimensions-Earth and Space Science
 - 11th Grade-Savvas Chemistry and Forensic Science
 - 12th Grade-Microsoft Office Specialist
 - ELA
 - HMH Into Literature ensures students experience a **diverse array** of texts representing a variety of perspectives including those that have historically been underrepresented.
 - The **flexibility** of the program allows teachers to **differentiate** and adapt instruction to meet all students at their appropriate level
 - Aligned with Next Generation Standards
 - Interactive student experience
 - Supports with state exam preparation at the end of the year
 - Reveal Math
 - Follows NYS Common Core Standards
 - Interactive on-line access for teaching
 - Sample test practice questions at the end of each lesson and chapter to prepare for NYS Math Exam
 - Word Problems create real world connections

- Intervention-Reading/Writing
 - Read 180
 - individual computer-based support for decoding, pronunciation, spelling and reading comprehension
 - Real Book-small group reading text to support background knowledge and expose students to grade level text and topics
 - Writable
 - program to support writing (graduate to this program AFTER student no longer needs Read 180).
 - Growth Measure Assessments (GMA) 3 times a year
- Intervention-Math
 - ALEKS
 - individualized computer-based Math support for each student
 - scientifically based program to support student Math growth and academic achievement
 - individual progress report pie so students can monitor their progress (daily & over time)
 - math support tools (pencil, eraser, etc.) electronically available as students need them
- Social Studies/History-HMH Social Studies Curriculum: *Historical Thinking Skills, Historical Writing Skills, Media Literacy Skills, Communication Skills*
 - 9th Grade
 - Global I: (6 Major units dating back to 10, 000 B.C.E-1750 C.E)
 - 10th Grade
 - Global II: (6 Major units from 1750 C.E-present)
 - 11th Grade
 - US History:(7 Major Units from Colonial foundations 1607-present)
 - 12th Grade
 - Participation In Government & Economics: (Civics & Topics in economics raging from personal finance-macro)
- HBCU/D9 Project Productions Documentary Recap, Joanne Hazel, Middle School Principal
- City Hall Trip-OCS Students, Joanne Hazel, Middle School Principal
 - We had a very successful afternoon at City Hall on March 19. The students were able to get in front of Deputy Mayor Anne Williams-Isom, as well as Council Member's Yusef Salaam, Justin Brannan, Amanda Farías, Oswald Feliz, Kamillah Hanks, Sandy Nurse, Chris Marte, Kristy Marmorarto and Joann Ariola. Finally, they met Mayor Adams for a personal tour
- Admission Department Update, Kevin Dunn, Director of Student Recruitment and Enrollment and Ayisha Gomez, Assistant Director of Student Recruitment and Enrollment

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- New Admissions Team Member
 - Nairobi Quinones joins the Admissions team as Admissions Assistant/Parent Liaison. She has already made a positive impact in converting leads to applications, generating RSVPs to our events and taking steps to rebuild the OCS Parent Association.
- Admissions Department Update
 - As we approach the April 1st, 2024 deadline for on-time applications, it's gratifying to see the Admissions teams' hard work begin to see dividends.
 - March saw a strong increase in application received from OCS events, external table set-up, canvassing, to our paper applications being received by thousands of select households with eligible students in Manhattan, the Bronx and Queens.
 - We evaluate the effectiveness of our efforts by the results. The three main feeders of applications are Schola, SchoolMint and Vanguard.
 - Current 2024-2025 Applications-505 Apps received by 3/21/2024
- OCS 20th Anniversary Committee Update, Tasheem Quayenortey, Donna O'Brien and Ayisha Gomez
 - Commemorative Logo Design-COMPLETED
 - Social Media activations/campaign, ex. Trivia, School Facts, etc. Began Thursday, February 15, 2024-ONGOING
 - Timeline Mural-designed with or by students; on-going; graphic will be used beyond the anniversary year-IN PROCESS, COMPLETION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 17 REVEAL
 - Parent Brunch, #1 [coincides with school lottery] (April)-IN PLANNING STAGES
 - Staff Appreciation: Merchandise gifting and fundraising (Anniversary Shirt Sale)-TEAM WILL REPORT OUT ON 3/22/24
 - Begin Memento efforts: culling videos from current and past students, parents, staff, BOT and supporters
 - Time Capsule-SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION FOR MAY 17-ANNIVERSARY RALLY TO CELEBRATE DAY FIRST CHARTER WAS ISSUED

Executive Session

The Board moved to Executive Session to discuss Legal and Personnel Issues.

Communication from the Public

There were no communications from the public.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

