

**Opportunity Charter School
Board of Trustees—Minutes
November 14, 2019**

Trustees Present: Jon Sichel, Melba Wilson, June Smith (Video) & Eric London (Video)

Absent: Alice Cutler, Peggy Culver & Tracy Hampton

Executive Staff Present: Leonard Goldberg, Emily Samuels & Jessica Marcu

Public Notification: Notice of meeting sent to Amsterdam News for addition to Events Calendar in print editions (November 7, 2019), on OCS website (November 7, 2019). Attending Members of the Board of Trustees met at 315 West 113th Street at 6:00 p.m.

Adoption of September Board of Trustees' Minutes

A vote to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2019 BOT meeting was taken with all in favor and no dissentions.

Report to the Board

- **Lobbying and Community Outreach Update--Jennie Frishtick, Kasirer**
 - Political updates
 - November 5th Election results
 - Changes in the 2020 and 2021 election landscape
 - City Council; Committee on Education discussion
 - DOE Engagement
 - Prospective Board Members for discussion
 - Upcoming meetings
 - **Assembly Member Marcos Crespo** (11/25) – Chair of the Bronx Democratic Committee and likely 2021 candidate for Bronx Borough President
 - **Council Member Vanessa Gibson** (12/3) – Bronx representative, likely 2021 candidate for Bronx Borough President
 - **State Senator Shelley Mayer** (12/18) – Bronx/Westchester representative and Chair of the Education Committee in the Senate
 - Next Steps: elected official engagement, advocate engagement, confirming prospective trustees

- **Data and Assessment**
 - Graduation Projections (V Cohort/Class of 2020)
 - 43/50 Students-86%
 - 12/15 General Ed Students-80%
 - 31/35 Students with Disabilities-89%
 - Summary of 2018-19 Indicators for NYCDOE Quality Guide

- **Vocational and Internship Opportunities**

There are currently **35 HS students in internship programs**

- GCD (Geriatric Career Development)
- StreetSquash (Exposes students to a broad range of experiences to realize his/her academic potential)
- ACCES-VR (Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation services for people aged 16-99)
- NYPD Explorer's Program (The Law Enforcement Explorers program provides young men and women from the city's diverse communities with an introduction to a career in law enforcement or a related field in the criminal justice system)
- OCS Social Media Internship (with Admissions)
- Literacy Leaders (Teen apprenticeship program to learn literacy tools to become great reading tutors)
- Saturday Academy (held at the NY City Museum, students receive SAT prep as well as tutor for Social Studies courses)
- Foster Care Agency (a student in foster care interns at her agency with office work):
- ACE Program (students learn what it's like to work in design and construction industry)
- There are currently **25 students** who are participating in school organized volunteering this school year.
- There are currently **4 students** who are participating in out of school organized volunteering during this school year
- There are currently **4 Seniors** who are working for pay during this school year.

- **Financials**

- First Quarter of the 2019-2020 School Year, we are pleased to report that all major categories are where they should be for this time of the fiscal year. Any unfavorable items are due to normal front-loaded timing.
- Our Per-Pupil Revenue is slightly ahead of its budgeted amount as a percentage of the fiscal year that has elapsed thus far.
- All items will continue to be monitored closely, and as we were at the start of the year, we are fully prepared to take additional counter-measures if the need arises later in the year.

- **Marketing and Communications**

- Website updates

Communication from the Public

There were no communications from the public.

Executive Session

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

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.