

Board of Trustees—Minutes
September 14, 2023

Trustees Present: Jon Sichel, Tasheem Quayenortey, Tracy Hampton, June Smith, Eric London & Evena Everett (video conference)

Absent: Peggy Culver, Basil Smikle, & Rodney Capel

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

Public Notification: Notice of meeting sent to Amsterdam News for addition to Events Calendar (September 7, 2023) and added to OCS website (September 7, 2023). Attending Members of the Board of Trustees met via Zoom at 11:00 am.

Adoption of June Board of Trustees’ Minutes

A vote to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2023 BOT meeting was taken with all in favor and no dissensions.

District-Wide School Safety Plan

A vote to approve the District-Wide School Safety Plan 2023-2024 was taken with all in favor and no dissensions.

OCS Report to the Board

- Leonard Goldberg, CEO welcomed the Board back for the 23-24 School Year and announced the 2024 will be the 20th Anniversary for OCS. He also provided information on the following:
 - Pilot “OCS BUS” Program was announced and updates will be provided throughout the year.
 - Budget Updates were reviewed by Anthony Napolitano with an overview of how we ended FY23. He also updated the Board on the FY24 Budget and made the whole Board aware of the audit that is currently underway.
 - Enrollment/Admissions Update will be provided in October as enrollment and discharge of students fluctuates during the first few weeks of the school year.
- Jessica Marcu, Head of School reported out on the following:
 - Administrative Team Updates
 - Welcomed Ms. Hazel, new Middle School Principal and interim High School Principal
 - Announced new Director of Instruction, Lorice Townsend
 - New SEL Program-“We Do It for the Culture”.
 - School is excited by the new program, which is rooted in Hip Hop. Board requested that a staff member who facilitates the program and a student be invited to a future Board meeting to discuss the program.
 - Hiring/Recruitment Update

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 11:30 am