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TNAACS Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday August 30, 2016
4:00PM

The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM.

I. Discussion Items:

❖ **New Location Update**

All construction, painting, machine installation is on track for the open house sessions being held for both new and existing families on Thursday, September 1st.

❖ **P.S. 233 Parent Appeal Update**

Lisa updated the board about the parent appeal. The attorney for the charter school feels confident that, after going through the appeals process, all will be settled with the co-location

❖ **Student Enrollment**

Goal is 325 total students or 65 students for each grade. Matt Harrington described the numbers of students in each grade. The staff is outreaching to the community for new students. Kindergarten lost students over the summer to 48 vs. 65 at the end of the year. This is a typical occurrence and Matt and Lisa feel confident that the goal of 325 students will be met.

❖ **NYS Test results and Next Steps**

Lisa Silva reported 18% ELA, 17% Math for Levels 3's and 4's. It was what was expected based upon data prior to the test. Looking ahead, Lisa Silva described how the following cohort of students is expected to perform stronger and so they predict growth in next year's scores. There are a number of ways that the school is looking at student data through iReady data and plans an increase in small group instruction. They are also focusing on stamina and perseverance. There is a strong student support team to provide services to the students with IEP's. Lisa will provide additional analysis once more data is available. Lisa reminded the board that 85% of the students in this cohort came into Grade 1 below Level A. They will hold steady with the vision and good instruction while providing supports through small group instruction. Shimon asked about maintaining the charter. By end of year 5, the school must beat the district or show growth. Growth is important for the charter as it is for the Department of Education.

II. Discussion/Decision Item:

❖ **Calendar for TNAACS Board Meetings 2016/2017**

Lisa explained how NYSED wants to see a calendar. Lisa and Dini will send out a survey monkey in order to create a calendar.

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III. Decision Items:

❖ Selection of TNAACS Board Secretary

Beth is willing to remain as recording secretary pending the time of day of the meeting. Mondays will be removed from the survey monkey because of conflicting meetings.

Shimon discussed how he is investigating if the other 2 schools should become charter schools. Will need to take over the doe benefit structure. Shimon referenced the Renaissance charter school who did a conversion.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:51PM.