

The New American Academy  
Charter School  
9301 Avenue B  
Brooklyn, NY 11236  
Phone: 718-385-1709



THE NEW AMERICAN ACADEMY

*A New Vision for Education*

Fax: 718-386-1856  
www.tnaacs.org

**Headmaster**  
Lisa Parquette Silva  
**Master Teachers**  
Erin Farley  
Olawa Gibson  
Sheila Hopkins-Osnes  
Jennifer Trani  
**Director of Operations**  
Matthew Harrington

**TNAACS Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday August 2, 2017**  
**9301 Avenue B Brooklyn, NY 11236**

**Minutes**

The meeting began at 6:05PM.

Kevin Monrose, Mac McDonald, Lisa Parquette Silva, Lorraine Scorsone, Beth DeAngelis, Matt Harrington and Fleur Monrose were in attendance.

**Update on the Charter Renewal Application**

- a. Application was submitted July 31<sup>st</sup>
  - b. Lisa thanked Matt Harrington for all his support. She stated that all benchmarks 2 through 9 were completed. In October, after test results are available, Benchmark 1 will be submitted. Kimberly Santiago from NYSED will be leading the team that oversees the renewal process.
  - c. Benchmark 1, which includes student performance data, is due October 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - d. NYSED will visit the school in the fall as part of the renewal process
2. L. Silva has been selected to present as part of a two-person panel on shared leadership in charter schools at the Coalition of Community Charter Schools National Symposium in October. This is a 2-day symposium in October. This is for smaller neighborhood based community charters. TNAACS submitted a proposal and they accepted the proposal. Lisa will present in NYC in October.
3. Hiring Update
- a. New Grade 1 hire resigned before Harvard. As a result we will be hiring an early childhood teacher in the fall for our Grade 1 team. This will enable the hiring process to include a demo lesson with the students when they return in September.
  - b. Harvard Training
    - i. 14 staff members, including the Headmaster, the music teacher, and technology attended the week-long training at Harvard University conducted by The New American Initiative. It was a successful and well-run event to prepare teachers for the upcoming school year. Lisa thanked Jessica Saratovsky for recommending the music teacher to TNAACS.
    - ii. New Teacher training begins again on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Master Teachers J. Trani &

The New American Academy  
Charter School  
9301 Avenue B  
Brooklyn, NY 11236  
Phone: 718-385-1709



Fax: 718-386-1856  
www.tnaacs.org

*A New Vision for Education*

**Headmaster**  
Lisa Parquette Silva  
**Master Teachers**  
Erin Farley  
Olawa Gibson  
Sheila Hopkins-Osnes  
Jennifer Trani  
**Director of Operations**  
Matthew Harrington

O. Gibson are leading the training. L. Silva will provide training on The Conscious Classroom Management, Danielson's Framework for Teaching and the TNAACS Self Evaluation Checklist

- iii. Metamorphosis is the math professional development that will be giving the math training to the entire staff.

#### 4. Board Self Evaluation Questionnaire

- a. Lisa discussed how after the midyear NYSED evaluation, it was noted that the board needs to self evaluate or be evaluated. Lisa sent the board members a copy of a possible example of a board evaluation.
- b. Lisa spoke to the fact that the board should use the sample to revise it and make it appropriate
- c. Board Evaluation is an expectation of NYSED
- d. Review of a suggested self-evaluation questionnaire – Lisa suggested that we review and give feedback it at the next meeting. Send comments to Lisa or bring to the meeting.

#### Decision Items:

1. Vote to approval Fleur Monrose to the TNAACS Board. Fleur has been fingerprinted, letters of recommendation have been received and sent to NYSED and her application to become a board member was also received and sent to NYSED for review.
  - a. A motion was made, seconded, and there was unanimous approval.
2. L. Scorsone resignation from the TNAACS Board of Trustees
  - a. L. Scorsone will be moving to The New American Initiative and will resign from the TNAACS Board as a result. Lorraine sent a letter of resignation in order for this process to take place. One of the responsibilities of Lorraine was curriculum and development. Lisa asked for someone to volunteer to replace Lorraine into this position. She asked that we discuss at the next meeting. The board accepted Lorraine's resignation.
3. Lorraine spoke about how the NAI will be formulating a new contract with specifics and in line with regulations and transition to Lorraine heading the NAI as Shimon leaves the initiative. Although the board approved the budget, the contract with TNAI will be held and voted on at a future board meeting.

The New American Academy  
Charter School  
9301 Avenue B  
Brooklyn, NY 11236  
Phone: 718-385-1709



Fax: 718-386-1856  
[www.tnaacs.org](http://www.tnaacs.org)

*A New Vision for Education*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33PM.

**Headmaster**  
Lisa Parquette Silva  
**Master Teachers**  
Erin Farley  
Olawa Gibson  
Sheila Hopkins-Osnes  
Jennifer Trani  
**Director of Operations**  
Matthew Harrington