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**TNAACS Board Meeting
Tuesday August 29, 2017
9301 Avenue B Brooklyn, NY 11236**

Minutes

In attendance:

Varleton "Mac" McDonald,
Matt Harrington
Beth DeAngelis
Lisa Silva

The meeting began at 6:00PM.

Information/Discussion Items

1. Update on Per Pupil Revenue – Matt Harrington explained that funding from NYSED will be based on a smaller number of students that was projected in last year's budget update. He explained that if the number is going to be increased by NYSED, it must come in form of an amendment to the charter. Therefore, there will be a reduction in revenue of approximately \$280,000 based on the lowering of students by 20. There will still be a surplus of about \$140,000 even with this reduction in revenue.
2. Update on the Charter Renewal
 - a. Benchmark 1, which includes student performance data, is due October 2nd
 - b. A public hearing has been scheduled as part of the renewal process. This meeting will take place at our school on September 14th. Board members are encouraged to attend and speak on our behalf. The hearing is scheduled to start at 6:00PM and will end at 7:00PM. Lisa Silva spoke about how parents are also being invited. She stated that people from other schools may speak on behalf of TNAA. Posters will be placed around the school to inform the community of the meeting.
 - c. Lisa Silva stated that NYSED will visit the school in the fall as part of the renewal process. This visit is scheduled for Monday September 25th and Tuesday September 26th. Board members are required to participate in a meeting with the NYSED representative during this visit. We will let you know when NYSED informs us when this will take place during the visit. Lisa also stated that NYSED reports on the benchmarks

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and makes a recommendation regarding renewal. Kimberly Santiago is the NYSED person who will be coming for the review. They will need to meet with the board and as soon as this meeting is determined, Lisa will notify the board. The reviewers will most likely speak to the board about pages 23-26 but review the entire renewal document.

3. Lisa stated that state exams were mixed.

Lisa stated the following about the New York State Exam Results:

- a. We had a 5% increase in our ELA scores.
- b. The math scores decreased by 1.6%. Part of this had to do with Grade 4 cohort. Grade 3 has 22% on grade level and grade 3 increased compared to last year. Sheila Osnes is disaggregating the data for Grade 4 results.
- c. 84% of our students scored a level 3 or 4 on the state science exam (50 out of 60 students).
- d. A more in depth analysis is being conducted of our scores to determine the effect of backfill, and to compare general education versus special education scores.
- e. Math is the instructional focus of TNAACS for the 2017/2018 school year.
- f. Metamorphosis Math Professional development has been brought in to support our teachers. This program was recommended by Carmen Farina during her visit in the Spring. It is more aligned with Teacher's College. Jenny Trani attended Metamorphosis training this summer. There will be one dedicated staff developer for lower grades and one for upper grades from Metamorphosis. They will look at lessons, data, gaps, and planning for the children in each class.
- g. Several staffing changes were made at the end of the school year, which we believe will support improvement in math performance.
- h. Intervention will focus on math this year. A math interventionist was hired.
- i. Number Talks will be mandated school wide. Jenny Trani is leading the professional development in this area.
- j. Mac stated that the focus needs to be on Math for the upper grades. Lisa spoke to the smaller cohort who will be in Grade 5. Lisa spoke to the stronger staffing now in place for the upper grades, which appears to be stronger than last year. Mac asked about the role of the interventionist and whether that person will do data analysis. Lisa explained that the Master Teachers will use iReady and do data analysis and the interventionist will utilize the data to support teachers.

4. Board Self Evaluation Questionnaire

- a. Discussion & feedback about the questionnaire

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Lisa stated that she will take the recommended revisions and resend the questionnaire to the board for approval. Some of the items to be revised include the titles used in the sample survey to be in line with the titles used at TNAA and the rating the scale.

Decision Items: These needed to be postponed due to lack of a quorum and will be addressed with a follow up meeting. Lisa will schedule with Dini and also send out a revised self-evaluation questionnaire.

1. Vote to approve Elizabeth De Angelis as part of the TNAACS Curriculum and Instruction committee.
2. Vote to approve the Board Self Evaluation Questionnaire.
3. Vote to Approve Board Meeting Dates for the 2017/2018 school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.