



The New American Academy Charter School

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday March 7, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Location

9301 Avenue B Brooklyn NY 11236

Directors Present

E. DeAngelis, F. Monroe, K. Monroe, V. McDonald

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

L. Parquette Silva, L. Scorsone, M. Harrington

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Parquette Silva called a meeting of the board of directors of The New American Academy Charter School to order on Wednesday Mar 7, 2018 @ 6:02 PM at 9301 Avenue B Brooklyn NY 11236.

C. Approve Minutes

V. McDonald made a motion to approve minutes.
K. Monroe seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Finance

A. Monthly Financial Report

Matt Harrington gave a budget overview and projections through June. Financials are trending upward despite the number of students. There is approximately 3 million dollars in the bank. This will support the renewal in the next 2 years and utilize the funds for the best way to support the school's renewal.

III. Governance

A. NYSED Renewal

Mac asked Lisa if they had talked about the strategies for the next two years. Lisa stated that this will be discussed at this board meeting. She spoke about the contact with Board on Track.

One of the big things that NYSED was concerned about was the number of board members and the committees' formed and active participation.

Lisa made a recommendation to invite Jessica Saratovsky on to the board to support with her expertise in data and her history of raising test scores in her school.

Mac stated that we get Jessica on the phone to speak with her

Lisa explained that the expectation of board members is an additional 2-4 hours per month for activities such as committees and fundraising. Lisa explained that this is a commitment that

Lorraine spoke about Deborah Jones - a colleague of over 20 years and said that this person would be an asset to the board and support and bring her expertise and background in education. Lisa said that we would need to gain her commitment to the 2-4 hours a month for the board work.

Lisa spoke about February 22nd phone call with NYSED and that TNAACS was given a short term renewal of 2 years with a corrective action plan. Lisa stated that a comprehensive overview was presented to NYSED. Elementary outcomes - ELA and Math scores which are below the district and state. They expect us to meet the district, regardless of backfill. 16% on ELA went up to 21% and district is currently at 36% Math for TNAACS was 16%, 18% in past 2 years and needs to go to district level of 31% - 32%

They are anticipating that the scores go up again this year.

They looked at finances and stated that TNAACS is sound and there is a high composite score. The audit said all the internal controls are strong. Made one recommendation that we have an escrow account to liquidate should the school need to close. There was one error in special ed. finance.

There was no committee audit and TNAACS was cited for not having a finance committee.

They are not satisfied with the current configuration of the board. The board does not have a recruitment and retention plan. Want to see the board develop

We also need to go to official training and Lisa can attend with board members. NYSED that the board is not actively overseeing the school and is relying on the Headmaster.

Enrollment was a positive for Special Education and that they saw that the school is actively seeking ELL students.

Lisa spoke to an error in the school data in the year that Revolution Foods was being utilized and did not capture correct data about financially disadvantaged. Backfill was applauded (also one of the reason that test scores are not as good as they could be)

Lisa spoke the plan for academic improvement:
Reviewed all data and implications for instruction.
EngageNY is what is being to used for Math. Contracted with metamorphosis math, had Pearson come in and do a presentation on Envisions, and Singapore Math, also TERC. The school may have different math in different grades.

Promotional policy was too generous and some of the students probably should have been held over. Three master teachers are working on math, 3 on ela, and also a promotionally policy committee.

Sheila and Lisa are on the board committee. Lisa said that they need a board member on that committee.

They also need a fundraising committee to compensate for taking less backfill which is impacting scores.

They have made all of these changes is just 2 weeks.

Beth DeAngelis volunteered to be on the board committee.

We need to have a recruitment plan

Can have people on committees who are not necessarily on the board.

These are the areas that the board needs to work on.

Lisa also spoke about how members can go through training with board on track on line or attend meetings.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. DeAngelis

E. DeAngelis made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

K. Monroe seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

V. McDonald Aye

E. DeAngelis Aye
F. Monroe Aye
K. Monroe Aye