



Our World Neighborhood Charter Schools

EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS TO BECOME INDEPENDENT THINKERS AND LIFE-LONG LEARNERS!

Board of Trustees Meeting Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Members present: Olubunmi Eigli, Manu Bhagavan, Richard T. Boyle, Maura Fitzgerald, Jeanette Betancourt, Melissa Chin

Also present from the team: Mark Crusante, Lucille Ranchor, Jayme Pabon, Randy Berry, Dechelle Damien, Nerissa Dominguez Vales, Andre Andreyev Psarros, Karrine Montague, Mihwa Park, Cathy Crews, Brian Ferguson

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

1: Roll Call

2: CEO Report:

- Candidacy for IB launched. Professional Development program is underway, full throttle for staff at both buildings, teachers and leadership.
- Continued visits to classrooms by teachers and leadership to other schools who have the program. Three weeks ago, Mr. Ferguson, Lisa, Edmiston and Douglas Ricketts went to DC to visit schools that have the program, as well as the IB Learning Center, to learn about key pieces that should be in place and map out an action plan. Two schools visited, one charter and one public, an NYP Program (middle school program) in one, and a PYP Program (primary years program/K5 program) in the other.
- Ten teachers to go to IB-Chew and Chat at Bronx Community College in March. All IB schools that are in different phases of the program to meet, talk, and attend workshops.
- Elementary attendees will tap into the pieces on social and emotional learning. Middle school attendees for Service Learning, and specials, i.e. foreign language, physical ed.

3: Admissions and Enrollment: Admissions promo video created

- Launch of special needs workshops in March.
- Four open houses in total between OWN1 & OWN2, 2 for each school, 15/16 families attended.
- All four open houses had a total of 1100 applications, 200 applications for OWN2, 140 of those applications were for kindergarteners. 900 applications for OWN1.
- A lottery for applicants will be held in April.
- OWNCS Advertisement increased. Advertising now in Queens Chronical, Queens Parent, and the Caribbean Times.

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- 4: Facilities: RFP issued. Closing date – 2/14/20. Ninety-day response time from EDC.
- Fifty-Thousand-dollar execution fee associated with application.
 - There's an interest in OWN1, speaking with assembly woman Simotas.
 - Parents met with elected officials.
 - EDC option after years give an extension.
 - OWN3 – No change in curb cuts.
 - Three site proposal given, Roosevelt Ave., 51st. Street on the 7 line/Woodside. 10th Street, south of 34th Ave.
 - Voted on request to CSI to push back opening of OWN3 to next year.
- 5: Financial Reporting: Presentation to finance committee of Little Bird H.R.
- Expected wrap up of benefits, by Friday, 1/31/20.
 - Benefit location all in one place.
 - OWN2 - High 1st Qtr. financials, expected to balance out.
 - Expenses – 19% should be a little higher, pick up on cost expected in 2nd. Qtr.
 - Staff budget revised due to turnovers.

 - OWN1 – 1st. Qtr. 24% financials.
 - 735 budgeted for students.
 - Working revising budget this year as it relates to staff.
 - Small excess of revenue. Strong cash balance.
 - OWN2 to start paying their bills once Little Bird is launched.
 - Governors Executive Budget: NYSED and Board of Regents proposed fiscal transparency.
 - Lost charters to be brought back and reissued to new person.
 - 5.3% increase in funding.
- 6: OWN1 PTO Report: Readathon rolled out. Two hundred elementary school participants. One hundred and thirty-one participants finished and \$5,000 raised. Participants read for a collective 848 hours.
- Midway into free art Saturday.
 - OWNCS 2020 auction will be held in the Spring. Netted \$20,000 last year.
- 7: Faculty: OWN1 PTO sponsored a book swap in December.

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- IReady diagnostic testing started.
- Toy Drive for the Hispanic Brotherhood of Rockville Center began in December.
- Field Trips, Jump Rope for Hearts to raise money for the American Heart Association in February - grades 2-5
- Middle school midterms last week. Jazz for Young People, and Chinese Acrobats will come to school to celebrate Luna New Year.

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