MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
FUTURE LEADERS INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL
JUNE 19, 2014

Board members present: Joan Wicks, Andy Hutcher, Katherine Brown, Amanda Williams, Natalie Deak, Ismael Colon, Toye Wigley, Suzanne Thompson, and Gilda Wray.

Board members participating by phone: Rudy Austin and Jay Hatfield. Neither Mr. Austin nor Mr. Hatfield participated in any item presented to the Board for a vote.

Guests present: Dani McPartlin, Julie Newman, and Michelle Lopez.

The Board meeting began shortly after 5:40pm at Ernst & Young and was called to order by Joan Wicks.

1. *The minutes of the May 22, 2014 Board Meeting were unanimously approved.*

2. Suzanne Thompson and Ismael Colon provided an update on the charter revision request process. A discussion followed.

    a. *The Board unanimously approved a motion to begin the charter revision request process with the NYC Department of Education (the "DoE").*

    b. *After further discussion, the Board unanimously approved a proposed maximum enrollment figure of 450 students for consideration by the DoE as part of the charter revision request process.*

3. The Board moved to Executive Session at approximately 6:00 p.m.

    a. Certain personnel matters were discussed. Executive Session concluded at approximately 6:30 p.m.

4. *After discussion regarding the upcoming school year, the Board unanimously approved the revised organizational chart - which sets forth (a) an Assistant Principal to replace the Head of Upper School and the Head of Lower School positions and (b) a Director of Student Affairs to replace the Director of School Culture/Enrichment – for consideration by the DoE as part of the charter revision request process.*

5. Mr. Colon reported that the New York Department of Youth and Community Development awarded Boys & Girls Harbor a grant for an expansion of FLI's middle school afterschool enrichment and tutoring program. This award will result in a significant cost savings to FLI over the course of the three-year grant.

6. Natalie Deak provided an update from the Finance Committee, which included a review of the process to prepare the 2014-15 budget and the implications of both the organizational chart changes and the Boys and Girls Harbor partnership grant. A discussion of the proposed budget followed.

    a. *The Board unanimously approved the 2014-15 budget.*

    b. The Board requested that Mr. Colon prepare a proposal for the funds that are now freed up as a result of the Boys & Girls Harbor grant.

7. Mr. Colon, Dani McPartlin, and Julie Newman, in Jay Hatfield's absence, provided an update from the Educational Accountability Committee.

    a. The plan and curriculum for the summer school program, which begins July 7, 2014 and ends August 1, 2014 have been submitted.

        i. All invited families have confirmed participation.

        ii. Mr. Colon and Ms. Newman updated the Board on the development of a summer afterscare program that will be available to students attending summer school.

    b. Mr. Colon and Ms. McPartlin provided the Board with information on a grade K-3 strategic teaching and evaluation program that will be used in the 2014-15 academic year.

    c. The Board discussed the use of Successmaker® to drive student progress over the summer. School leaders reported that all FLI students will have offsite access to Successmaker® over the summer.

8. Amanda Williams and Mr. Colon updated the Board on the efforts to reignite the Parent Involvement Committee including the finalization of a plan to recruit PIC Officers during the summer months.

9. Mr. Colon provided an update on Leadership Team items including enrollment, the UFT contract; Deloitte Impact Day, Spring Fling, and 8th Grade graduation.

    a. The Board requested that Mr. Colon provide a report and evaluation/observation tool at the July 31, 2014 Board meeting for UFT contract adherence.

10. Katherine Brown led a discussion on the results of the Board's end of school year parent and staff surveys.

        i. The Board requested that open hours for the staff to talk with Board members to yield more constructive results be made available in the 2014-2015 academic year.

11. Suzanne Thompson, Toye Wigley, and Katherine Brown provided working group updates.

    a. Ms. Brown requested that the Board review and submit comments on the second quarter Friends of FLI letter by June 20, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is expected to take place on July 31, 2014, at JP Morgan.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amanda Williams