MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
FUTURE LEADERS INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL
MARCH 19, 2015

Board members present: Natalie Deak, Joan Wicks, Andy Hutcher, Katherine Brown, Rudy Austin, Gilda Wray and Toye Wigley.

Board members participating by phone: Annie Adams. Ms. Adams did not vote on any item presented to the Board for a vote.

Board members absent: Amanda Williams and Jay Hatfield.

Guests present: Dani McPartlin (FLI), Julie Newman (FLI), Nakita Green (FLI), Laron Walker (Charter School Business Management or "CSBM"), Steve Reid (CSBM), Jody Flowers (FLI), Nicole Page (FLI/Junior Council), John Harrison York (Junior Council).

The Board meeting began at approximately 5:30 p.m. at Credit Suisse and was called to order by Ms. Brown.

1. Members of the Board and additional meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. *Upon motion duly made, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2015 Board Meeting.*

3. Ms. Brown provided an overview of "FLI Focus," a monthly feature for each Board meeting that will provide an in-depth look at a different issue or topic each month. The Governance working group will help to coordinate each FLI Focus with the Leadership Team. Materials will be preserved for new Board member orientation.

4. FLI Focus: Ms. McPartlin and Ms. Page gave a presentation on the SBO process at FLI, as well as an overview of the proposed SBOs for the 2015-16 school year. A discussion followed.

5. Ms. McPartlin provided an update on behalf of the EAC working group, including the following efforts focused on improving student achievement: Successmaker® data and incentives and Saturday Academy. Ms. McPartlin also discussed the mock assessment which was recently administered, as well as a number of upcoming professional development workshops that staff will be attending. A discussion followed. Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Wray provided a recap of their recent meeting with representatives from the Children's Literacy Initiative and their on-site observation of the program at a school in Newark. A representative from the Children's Literacy Initiative will be on-site at FLI working with grades K-2 on April 15, 2015.

6. Mrs. Newman and Ms. Page provided an update of FLI's 2015 Summer Academy, which will be FLI's largest summer program to date, and which is being significantly underwritten by a grant from The Hatfield Foundation. Mrs. Newman provided an update of FLI's new partnership with Oasis for an after-care option, which has been extremely well-received by FLI families. As of March 18, 2015, approximately 113 FLI students have enrolled in Summer Academy, and 92 of them will be taking advantage of the heavily subsidized Oasis program. A Board discussion followed.

7. Mr. Austin and Mr. Walker provided an update on behalf of the Finance Committee, including a review of the February monthly financials and responding to questions from the Board. A discussion of the service arrangement with CSBM for FY 2015-16 followed.

    a. *Upon motion duly made, the Board unanimously voted to delegate the authority to negotiate and finalize the school's service agreements with CSBM for FY 2015-16 to the Finance Committee.*

8. Ms. Page and Mr. York provided an update on behalf of the Junior Council. In lieu of the semi-annual Board-initiated survey of FLI staff and families, the Junior Council will be conducting focus groups or interviews with the staff community and FLI families. These conversations will occur after the state tests. Both the questions and the responses will be shared with the Board and the Leadership Team.

9. Ms. McPartlin delivered the Leadership Team report, which covered the following: Spring Break Academy, FLI's annual meeting with the CSA and other conversion charter schools, the Assistant Principal Search, the letter from Councilman Drumm to a number of charter schools in New York City and the Charter Center's response and FLI's enhanced efforts around student recruitment and retention. Ms. McPartlin answered a number of questions from the Board. The Board reviewed and discussed the monthly dashboard.

10. *Upon motion duly made, the Board moved to Executive Session at approximately 7:00 p.m.*

    a. Certain personnel matters were discussed. Executive Session concluded at approximately 7:25 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is expected to take place at 5:30 p.m. on May 14, 2015 at Ernst & Young.

Respectfully submitted,

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