

Board of Trustees Meeting

November 26, 2024

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location:

In person

Future Leaders Institute Charter School

134 West 122nd Street – Rm 212

NY, NY 10027

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AGENDA

Note: For any topics marked with an asterisk, the allocated time is for questions, should they arise, from the information in the corresponding document in the Board packet.

ID	Subject	Action Required	Topic	Owner	Time
1	Announcements	N/A	a) Welcome and Announcements	a) Jennifer	a) 2 minutes
2	Board Business	Board Votes	a) Approval of October Board Meeting Minutes	a) Jennifer	a) 1 minute
3	Enrollment	N/A	a) Attendance Update b) Enrollment Update c) FLI Marketing Overview	a) Jody b) Rusty/Jody c) Rusty	a) 1 minute b) 5 minutes c) 5 minutes
4	Academics	N/A	a) Assessment timeline b) I-ready Diagnostic	a/b) Natalie/Jody	a) 10 minutes
5	Finance	N/A	a) Finance Report- October	a) Rusty	b) 5 minutes
6	Executive Session	N/A	a) Executive Session	a) Exec Committee	a) 15 minutes

*Please note that the order of events noted on the agenda may change.

¹ Anticipated length of time

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF FUTURE LEADERS INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL

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The Board is transitioning toward in-person board meetings. There will be at least one per quarter

Board members present by Zoom: Rudy Austin, Heather Northrop, Ross Harold, Jennifer Peña- Detata, Jennifer Estrella, Rob Fratto

Others present: Jody Flowers (Principal), Natalie Gonzalez-Valdes (Assistant Principal), Rusty Slovenic (Asst. Principal)

Board members absent: Jay Hatfield, Rachel Klein, Fernando Garcia

The meeting began at approximately 5:35 p.m. and was called to order by Rudy Austin.

1. *Welcome.* Rudy Austin welcomed all attendees to the November Meeting.
2. *Minutes.* Upon motion duly made, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the October 2024 Board meeting.
3. *Attendance & Enrollment Update.*

Attendance is at 90%, staying consistent. Any lower numbers are typically due to a handful of students who are chronically late. This is addressed by the attendance team.

Enrollment is 246 because of one student leaving for a different middle school. A student who went to school last year and moved out of state and indicated he is returning in the coming week. Rusty shared the marketing strategy for the coming year and provided a comparison to this year. Will start recruitment earlier in the year (December) than last year. Social media presence is already live and populated with content. The recruitment unit will be identifying search engine optimization terms to run starting in January.

4. *Academics Update.*

Ms Gonzalez gave an update on assessments being administered at this point of the year and provided an overview of the iReady tool and how it is used. The iReady assessment provides targeted assessment questions based upon how they answer previous questions and then use that data to guide instruction in the classroom based upon gaps children may demonstrate. iReady has been used at the school since 2014. Previously the school had used Eagle, which was very rigid and top-heavy, iReady

allows greater flexibility and dynamism based upon where things are being taught in a unit of study. This targeted shifting of items and domains was piloted during summer school and was successful.

5. *Finance Update* - Mr. Slovenic shared the finance report. The finance committee to review numbers based upon spending. The school is at a deficit of \$472,000. In January, the finance committee will review the numbers to see where spending might be tightened. There was an intentional decision to spend some money to support the special education program's development. In addition, enrollment was lower than anticipated. Interest income from the CDs will mature come January.

The Board meeting adjourned at approximately 6:07 p.m.

The next Board meeting is expected to take place on December 17, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross Harold

Secretary