

**NEW VISIONS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

New Visions Charter High School for Advanced Math and Science II (AMS II)

New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities II (HUM II)

*Minutes for Meeting held at AMS II:*

*Monday, April 8, 2013 at 5 p.m.*

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Board Members

Present: Ron Chaluisan (Secretary), Nancy Grossman, Angel Rodriguez (Chair), Edna Vega, Yvette Armstrong

Not Present: David Faber

New Visions Staff: Stacy Martin, Stephany Martinez, Lori Mei

School Staff: Pamela Fairclough (COO HUM II), Richard Gonzalez (Principal HUM II), Stacey King (Principal AMS II)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Chaluisan made a motion to begin the Board meeting in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

**WELCOME**

Mr. Rodriguez re-opened the public portion of the meeting at 5:20 p.m. by reviewing the agenda.

**ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES**

Mr. Rodriguez made a motion to accept the minutes from March 11, 2013 meeting.

Ms. Grossman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**MONTHLY SCHOOL DATA REPORTS**

Mr. Chaluisan informed the Trustees that the monthly financial reports for all schools will now be discussed on a quarterly basis due to minor changes in data from month-to-month for both schools. The monthly financial reports will continue to be in the formal books for Trustees to review.

Ms. Lori Mei, Director of Operations at NV, updated the Trustees on the applications received by April 3, 2013 application due date. There are 125 seats available for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and a small number of 10<sup>th</sup> grade seats available per school. A computer randomly selects applicants for seats 1 through 125 and the remaining applications are placed on a waitlist in the randomized order previously determined by the computer. Preference is given to students who reside within the school district and to those students whose sibling is also applying to the same school. All students must submit proof of address in order to receive community school district preference in the lottery. Ms. Mei noted that 40% of applicants have submitted a proof of address.

## **PRINCIPALS' REPORT**

### **New Visions Charter High School for Advanced Math and Science II**

Ms. King informed the Trustees that the after-school program helped students academically and as a result, fewer students failed one or more of their core content classes. Saturday Academy at AMS II and HUM II will begin on Saturday, April 13, 2013 and will support students in Math, College and Career Readiness, and Literacy. Ms. King used mock Geometry and Algebra Regents exams to determine which students would be invited to attend Saturday Academy.

Ms. King updated the Trustees on a successful anchor week around the theme of "Build a Better Campus." The students worked on their presentation skills and learned how to defend their ideas and projects.

Ms. King presented the staffing update indicating recent additions and changes in staff at AMS II.

Ms. King concluded her report with an update on parent and teacher conferences, noting that once report cards are sent home, meetings with parents will be scheduled to discuss their child's academic progress and interventions in place for Trimester 3.

### **New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities II**

Mr. Gonzalez updated the Trustees on highlights from Trimester 2, noting that report cards will be sent home on April 9, 2013. Students spent time calculating their Grade Point Average (GPA) as a way for them to keep track of their academic progress. A letter will be sent out to parents, and a meeting will be scheduled for students failing one or more core content course.

Mr. Gonzalez updated the Trustees on the new and ongoing activities at HUM II. A Hip Hop dance class will be led by a HUM II teacher this semester, and is available for all students. The HUM II Basketball team had their first win this season with a score of 40-35. The Scholar Stamp Celebration took place in

March, and the students who earned enough stamps for good behavior were rewarded with a trip to the Bronx Zoo.

Mr. Gonzalez described anchor week which was organized around the theme of "Building a Better Campus." He described two categories for the development of anchor projects: the realists and the dreamers. There were a total of 10 anchor teams, and each team wrote a proposal and created a visual representation of their idea. One winning team was awarded for each of the categories.

Mr. Gonzalez concluded by presenting the staffing updates indicating recent additions and changes in staff at HUM II.

Ms. King and Mr. Gonzalez answered questions from the Trustees around anchor projects, staffing and student academic progress.

### **Board Expansion**

Ms. Armstrong gave an update regarding her meeting with a potential Board Member. The Trustees decided to invite the potential Board Member to the May Board Meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Vega and passed unanimously.