



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 NVPS:
Monday, December 16, 2013 at 5 p.m.*

ATTENDANCE

Board Members present: Yvette Armstrong, Ronald Chaluisan, David Faber (Treasurer), Nancy Grossman, Angel Rodriguez (Chair), Edna Vega

Not Present: Edmund Gaffney

NVPS Staff: Stacy Martin, Stephany Martinez, Lori Mei, Jennie Soler-McIntosh

School Staff: Stacey King (Principal AMS II), Richard Gonzalez (Principal HUM II), Sharon John (COO AMS II)

WELCOME

Mr. Rodriguez opened the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

Ms. Grossman made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2013 board meeting.

Ms. Armstrong seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Ms. King updated the Trustees on a successful anchor week, noting that trophies were awarded to one 9th and 10th grade team for the best TED Talk presentation. She noted that during Wednesday Professional Development, teachers continue to study the

“Collaborative Learning” book. Teachers continue to put into practice techniques for collaborative learning into their weekly lesson plans. Ms. King noted that, in partnership with Bronx Community College (BCC), a professor from BCC will lead the after-school program in sustainable energy, which will align with what is being covered in the 9th grade Earth Science class.

Ms. King discussed the school’s climate, noting that Parent Teacher Conferences are happening next week. There will also be targeted intervention meetings with students who fail one or more core courses. Ms. King also discussed the attendance report, noting that AMS II will be hosting a semi-formal holiday dance for students. In order to attend the dance, students must maintain positive behavior including being on time to school and to class each day, being present each day, exhibiting scholarly behavior and ensure that students and families sign up for Powerschool.

Ms. King described the current community connections, noting that AMS II will be hosting a Poetry Slam on Saturday, February 1, 2014. The goal for the event is to continue to build community and highlight talent from the Bronx neighborhood. Students will share their poetry and will advertise and run the event in conjunction with the English Genre teacher. Special guests include Power 105 radio station, MC’s from New York City’s Nuyorican Poetry Cafe, local Bronx photographers and documentary filmmaker.

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Mr. Gonzalez updated the Trustees on the school’s progress on instruction and learning environment, noting the excellent projects produced by the students for the first anchor projects. He also noted that the Science students completed their 5 weeks field test with “Rocking the Boat” and shared a short video of the students learning how to row and testing the quality of the water in the Bronx River.

Mr. Gonzalez discussed the school’s climate, noting that with the addition of the Dean of Discipline the students behavior has shifted noticeably for the better. He also noted the school as a whole is shaping its identity and students are developing a great sense of pride and loyalty through the Sports Program, a performing and visual arts program, and a mascot (The HUM II Knights), which all solidify feelings of school spirit.

Mr. Gonzalez described the community connections at HUM II, noting that members of the Community Advisory Board attended anchor week and were judges for the final anchor projects.

Mr. Gonzalez also noted that 35 of 102 students placed out of Read 180.

Mr. Gonzalez concluded his report with an update on attendance, completion of the library, staffing and major school events that have taken place since the last board meeting.

BOARD BUSINESS

By-Laws

Motion to accept by-laws

Mr. Chaluisan made a recommendation to keep the by-laws as they exist and indicated that if changes are needed in the future, they can be made by a majority vote of the Board.

Ms. Vega put forth a motion to accept the current by-laws as they exist.

Ms. Grossman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Board Officers

Mr. Chaluisan and the Trustees discussed the possibility of merging the two Bronx NVCHS Boards. The Trustees requested that a meeting between the two boards take place before making a decision to merge. Mr. Chaluisan will set-up a meeting between the two boards in June and he noted that this would be a process that wouldn't happen until the next academic school year, if it was desired by the two boards. Mr. Rodriguez stepped down as Board Chair and requested that the Trustees determine a new Chair at the next Board meeting. Mr. Faber will continue as Treasurer of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.