



NEW VISIONS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEE 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:

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 6 p.m. @ HUM II

IN ATTENDANCE:

Board Members: Angel Rodriguez (Chair), Yvette Armstrong, Sheila Breslaw, Ronald Chaluisan, Robert Menken, Edna Vega,
David Faber, Nancy Grossman

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

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

WELCOME

Mr. Rodriguez welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6 p.m.

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the agenda

Acceptance of Minutes

Ms. Armstrong put forth a motion to accept the minutes from the September 24, 2012 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Ms. Vega seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

October Focus: Professional Development

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Ms. King updated the Trustees on various activities and initiatives taking place within the school community at AMS II.

In the following weeks students and parents will be meeting with teachers to review progress reports and ensure a "check in" point prior to the end of the first trimester. Ms. King noted that a parent survey will be distributed and completed during the parent-teacher conferences in order to collect information about how parents might become involved in the school community and to explore possibilities of supporting parents through designing and providing workshops on topics such as Resume Writing, Networking, Parenting, etc.

Ms. King updated the Trustees on the additional after school clubs being offered to students at AMS II. She noted that the teachers have become enthusiastic about their clubs and students have shown tremendous interest.

Ms. King also updated the Trustees on the various professional development workshops being offered to teachers at AMS II. She noted that every Tuesday teachers meet to discuss and ask clarifying questions of each other and the leadership about specific issues being confronted in classrooms in order to better meet the needs of AMS II students.

Ms. King noted that each trimester has a specific focus for instruction; currently the focus is on classroom management, trimester two will be on co-planning and co-teaching, and trimester three will focus on supporting AMS II's broad range in learners.

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Mr. Gonzalez updated the Trustees on the Curriculum Night that took place at HUM II with parents and students. Parents followed their scholar's schedule of classes in order to meet teachers and support staff members.

Mr. Gonzalez updated the Trustees on the upcoming student enrichment programs for the month of October including a field trip to AMC Theaters to view the movie "Bully;" after the viewing students will have the opportunity to discuss the film and write a reflective piece.

Mr. Gonzalez updated the trustees on teacher instruction and professional development happening at HUM II. Mr. Gonzalez noted that a majority of the teachers have excelled in establishing strong routines and procedures in their classrooms. The classes have structure which the scholars have internalized. He also noted that teachers work on a personalized professional development plan that has been developed by the Assistant Principal and Principal. The plan targets specific areas for improvement such as a system to keep the grade book accurate and enter grades in a timely fashion.

In addition HUM II will begin weekly instructional meetings for core content teachers in an effort to provide support to teachers in meeting the needs of all of all types of learners at HUM II. Mr. Gonzalez noted that the weekly instructional meetings are another opportunity for teachers to learn new methodologies and to also talk through dilemmas and successes in their classrooms.

INCLUDED REPORTS

Student Data

Ms. Mei, Director of Operations at New Visions, updated the Trustees on student attendance at both AMS II & HUM II. The Trustees engaged Ms. King and Mr. Gonzalez in conversation about the successful incentives both principals have used to continue to increase student attendance.

Mr. Chalusian updated Trustees on community engagement efforts designed to help students who register meet the demands of the academic program and broaden their knowledge of the issues that the community is working on so that they might effectively contribute to their work.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.