



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees

February 11, 2020

Board Members Present: Adam Falkner, Laurence Heilbronn, Randall Iserman, Max Osse

Present via Video Conference: Danal Abrams, Michele Murphy

Absent: , Laura Blankfein, Matthias Ederer

Board joined by Donald Barnes, Sara Corona, Geoffrey Kiorpes, Elisa Murphy, Rebecca Peters

The Meeting was brought to order by Chair, Danal Abrams, at 6:10 and a quorum was found present. Trustee Osse moved for approval of minutes from January 2020 meeting; seconded by trustee Heilbron. Minutes approved unanimously by voice vote.

Renewal Application

Dan Pasek, Pasek Consulting, prepared the board for the renewal process.

- Precedent and context – most schools receive 3-year renewals due to combination of need for more data and time for growth. Indicators include staff turnover and staff development programs, coherence of instruction across classes and grades, sustainable operations systems
- Making use of the March SUNY visit to prepare much of the reporting for the renewal application and previewing concerns raised along with progress made on concerns from previous visits
- Giving SUNY an early look at alternate measures and successes (active ingredients).

Board will discuss further at the next meeting and as needed by conference call prior to March 29.

School Leadership Team – presentation notes attached

- Student Recruitment – Lottery scheduled for April 13; open houses will continue through the spring and summer
- Students preparing to lead conferences with parents, in place of conventional parent-teacher conferences; family intent to return letters to be distributed at the same time.
- Eighth grade math teacher resigned. Grade will be team-taught by leadership with support of full-time substitute.
- Staff Development plan now includes in-class coaching of teachers on student engagement and classroom management (Relay GSE) and launch of Responsive Classroom program.
- Student government has begun with elections and competition to choose/design a school mascot

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 by unanimous voice vote.