



## Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees

April 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Danal Abrams at 6:10 and a quorum was found present.

### Board Members Present

Danal Abrams, Laura Blankfein, Mathias Ederer, Adam Falkner, Laurence Heilbronn, Randall Iserman

**Conferenced by phone:** Jose De Jesus

**Absent:** Ben Gliklich

- Request for approval of March meeting minutes
  - Minutes approved unanimously by voice vote
- Representative of Parent Association formally invited board members to evening fundraiser on Friday, April 20
- Chair reported on current status of lease negotiations for facility in lower Manhattan
- Principal reported impressions regarding state exams
  - 40% of students attended Saturday test prep
  - All students had some test prep during school day
- Attendance procedures not yet having impact on total
  - 34 students have recently reached the threshold for “flagged” status for further action
  - 29 students on the chronically absent/tardy list reduced to 4
  - 8 students remain on watch list as chronically absent and struggling academically
  - Board requested comparison report between current school year and last year as well as month-by-month report of current year
- Recent incident with a student involving “sexting” with another student
  - Inappropriate photos forwarded to other students
  - Parents of all students involved contacted
  - Parent of initiator has agreed to consequences proposed by school
- Chair moved to take meeting into executive session
- Board returned to regular session at 6:45 and adopted an amendment to grievance policy and protocol in board by-laws by unanimous voice vote
- Two investigations will take place in the next two months in response to formal complaints from parents regarding suspensions
- Hiring committee will continue to support principal with hiring protocol and interviewing candidates
- Board agreed to research mentoring or coaching program for school leadership

Meeting adjourned at 7:20