



## Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

### Agenda

**Board Members Present:** Laura Blankfein, Matthias Ederer, Adam Falkner, Mark Hall, Laurence Heilbronn, Randall Iserman, Michelle Murphy, Max Osse, Peter Sack

**Absent:** None

The Meeting was brought to order by Chair, Randall Iserman, at 6:03pm, and a quorum was found present.

- **Motion to approve January, 2021 meeting minutes**
  - Trustee Blankfein motioned, trustee Heilbronn seconded
- **Motion to approve February, 2021 meeting minutes**
  - Trustee Heilbronn motioned, trustee Blankfein seconded
- **Highlights and Overview of SpEd programming** - Laura Neenan
  - SpEd: 68 students on IEP (25% of all students)
    - Successes:
      - Case management and relationship building
      - Administration of MAP testing
      - Training of all staff to use strengths-based language
    - Goals:
      - Participation rubric. to shift engagement based on students' strengths.
      - Small group instruction. targeted interventions for students with IEPs.
  - ELL: 41 students (16%) Formerly identified.
    - Successes:
      - Case management and relationship building
      - Staff being trained on 'economy of language' when providing written directions. (making sure that it's all clear, especially for those whose language is)
    - Goals:
      - Gathering more Assessment Data
      - Teacher training and focus on in-class supports
- **School Leader Report:**
  - Kevin Olusola from Pentatonix visiting 8th graders March 11.
  - Opening the School March 22 for hybrid learning.



- 123 Students opted in
  - Day is determined by Ensemble.
  - T/TH: 65 students, W/F: 58 students
- COVID Testing is lined up
- COVID Preparation:
  - Additional Staff (Part-time)- to ensure that COVID protocols are being followed. (Not in the budget, but with staff changes, will still be net positive)
  - Deep cleaning
  - PPE
  - Classroom /Art supplies
    - Equipment for concurrent teaching
    - Professional Development
- Enrollment:
  - 67 - 6th grade (+1)
  - 99 - 7th grade (+1)
  - 99 - 8th grade
- Student recruiting update
  - Targeted schools: Focusing on 16 schools from which we've gotten students in the past; students that have shorter commutes.
    - Having Meet and Greet with those schools next week.
    - Sending Admissions Dashboard to give prospective families a flavor of the school
    - Doing professional development for some teachers from target schools; teaching those teachers how to do arts-based teaching.
  - Recruiting numbers are below previous years' numbers. Lots of NYC schools are experiencing this.
  - [Data Dashboard](#)
- **Program Oversight Committee report**
  - Key issues:
    - MAP testing
    - Reopening
    - Making sure there's professional development. Focus will be Math.
- **Finance Committee Report**
  - Jan was uneventful. We looked at it vs the amended budget.
  - We were slightly behind budget (Jan) because of facilities
  - We are generally ahead because of SpEd student participation
    - \$75K ahead of budget- this includes non-use of COVID contingency money
      - May use this with PPE and additional staff- Requires further conversation.
      - \$134K Contingency dollars: if we used it, we'd still have positive performance vs our budget.
  - We are in the "Excellent" category according to SUNY's financial assessment.
  - If we use PPP money, we'll convert it to a grant.



- **Executive Session**
  - None
- **New Business**
  - None
- **Motion to adjourn January 2021 meeting At 6:44pm**
  - Trustee Osse motioned to adjourn, seconded by trustee Blankfien
  - Meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote.