

**John V. Lindsay Wildcat Academy Charter School  
Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Date:** November 16, 2017

**Time:** 3:00 p.m.

**Place:** John V. Lindsay Academy Charter School  
17 Battery Place, 1<sup>st</sup> Fl.  
New York, N.Y. 10004

**Members Present:** Harvey Newman, Richard Levine, Ron Tabano, Luba Koziolkowsky,  
Douglas Knight, Sy Fliegel, Dana Jackson

**Members Absent:** Rocco DiSpirito, Lawrence Ng

**Call to Order:** Mr. Newman called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. on November  
16, 2017

The minutes of October 2017 were reviewed. Mr. Newman requests a motion.

**Motion:** Mr. Levine makes a motion to accept the October 2017 minutes.

**Second:** Ms. Koziolkowsky seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Report of the CEO**

Mr. Tabano informs the Board that there will be a meeting at City Hall in regards to recuperating funds for retroactive payment to teachers. A final agreement is still being worked on. The amount of the retro pay is approximately \$327K.

We have 3 students being trained for the A+ Certification. They are doing well and fully engaged. They will be taking the official certification exam soon. The exams will be paid by Cheryl Payne. She has contacts throughout the utilities industry. If the students pass the exam, she will assist in getting the students jobs.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program is underway. We will have boxing, hip-hop dance, yoga and mixed martial arts in the Bronx and SAT prep and hip-hop dance in the Manhattan Campus.

We have a Parents-Teachers conference scheduled for next Thursday from 3pm-7pm.

Javar Sturup who was previously the 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Site-Director has been replaced by Inessa Novik. He will be our Internship Coordinator in the Bronx. We had one year left on the ESSC Counseling Grant. With the remaining funds from the grant, we have brought back

Anaconda Antoine (Nedge) as Mental Health Counselor for one year. She will be a contractor. She will be working Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

### **Report of the CFO**

Ms. Sakosky informs the Board that the fund balance is about \$750K. A large part of the increase is due to the boost in Special Ed billings. Ms. Sakosky doesn't see anything of concern in the financial reports. The investment portfolio has grown nicely to an increase of \$250K. She will move \$200K from investment portfolio to liquid cash to ensure funds will be there for any additional spending (21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Grant).

Last year, the Board gave their approval to give increases to Wildcat staff for 2 consecutive years. The total amount is \$63K. The average increase is 4%.

Mr. Harvey Newman recuses himself for the next item with the acknowledgment that he is no longer a compensated employee of CEI-PEA. CEI-PEA provides Wildcat with professional development and instruction through an annual contract. The contract is for \$75,000 for services provided.

Mr. Knight asks for a vote to accept the annual contract between JVL Wildcat Academy and CEI-PEA for instruction and professional development.

Motion: Mr. Levine makes the motion to accept the contract between JVL Wildcat Academy and CEI-PEA for instruction and professional development.  
Second: Ms. Koziolkowsky seconded the motion.  
Vote: Unanimous.

### **Report of the Bronx Assistant Principal**

Tonight is the Bronx Campus' Parents-Teachers Conference.

The projected average credit accumulation does not look good. The students in cycle A is accumulating an average of 3 credits, cycle B is averaging 2 credits and cycle C with average of 2 credits. However if you subtract the long term absences (LTAs), it looks much better at 4 credits. About 62% of the C Week students are projected to pass every class. About 17% of cycle A and 20% of cycle B are projected to receive 6 credits.

21 LTA students have been re-engaged into school. About 38% of these students are passing at least 4 classes. There have been some improvement with the LTA students, but not as good as she'd like them to be, however she is optimistic the data for upcoming semesters will improve.

Approximately 20 students will be transitioning to the Manhattan Campus in the spring semester.

ART Therapy will be administered in the Bronx every Wednesday for this school year.

An animation project will be offered to the cycle A and B students. It has worked very well so far. The animation project has been well engaged by the participating students.

The next Board meeting is December 21, 2017 at 3pm at the Manhattan Campus.

Mr. Newman asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion:** Mr. Knight moved that we adjourn the meeting.

**Second:** Mr. Levine seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 3:41 pm.