

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

Date: March 21, 2019

Time: 3:00 p.m.

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

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

Members Absent:

Call to Order: Mr. Newman called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. on March 21,
2019

The minutes of February 2019 were reviewed. Mr. Newman requests a motion to accept the February 2019 minutes.

Motion: Mr. Knight makes a motion to accept the February 2019 minutes.

Second: Mr. Ng seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous

Report of the CEO

Mr. Tabano informs the Board that Governor Cuomo has proposed \$24MM for schools in his budget which will translate to approximately \$188/pupil. As of now the State Senate has amount in the budget, but the State Assembly has some misgivings about it. To help this through the coalition will have petitions signed by parents other supporters and they will be used as reinforcements to push this through the Assembly. We'll have a better idea of its inclusion in about a week.

We further looked into the implementation of an 8th grade at Wildcat. After some investigation, we have found there is a need and a market for overaged 8th graders. We can potentially take-in the 15 and 16 year old 8th graders who'd be eventually get left behind. We'll be obligated to get them to the appropriate reading levels and/or socially promote them. We will continue to do market research on the issue and will update the Board as we get more news.

The DOE Charter Office will be visiting the school for a Charter Review on May 17th. They will roughly spend about 5 hours on the visit, observing 4 classrooms. We'll provide them with data and the self-evaluation reports if and when they require them.

A college tour to SUNY Sullivan and SUNY Delhi will take place on March 29th. Ms. Sakosky along with a couple chaperones will be accompanying the participating students.

The feedback of the Washington D.C. school trip was very good and the students who participated seemed to have enjoyed it very much.

The charter school cap has almost been reached. There are only 7 more spots for new charter schools. Mr. Tabano has heard that there are 14 charter schools are applying for those 7 spots. A debate may follow to see if the State will allow additional spots in the future.

Two teachers are administering a peer mentoring program at Wildcat. The premise would be a pairing of students to help one another. Students struggling at school would be teamed up with successful students with the goal to have students who'd need the assistance catch up and improve on their grades and ultimately pass the Regents exams.

Our Global Studies teacher, Mr. Petzinger will be working with the history teachers in the Bronx in the comings weeks. The goal is to ensure there is a smooth transition in instruction from the Bronx to the curriculum in the Manhattan campus. We feel the streamlining of instruction will help students have a better grasp of what they've learned when they transition to Manhattan campus and thus obtain better grades.

Mr. Tabano reports that we have met the 95% threshold of participation in the Regents.

The DOE Charter Office will examine the ELLs and SPED data much more closely for future charter renewals.

Report of the CFOO

Ms. Sakosky reports that the school's financial position continues to remain strong looking at the eight months ending in February. We have \$7MM in assets, \$3.2MM in cash and cash equivalents and \$2.4MM in the investment portfolio. The increase to net assets is about \$791K. The operating revenue is \$6.6MM, our expenses are \$5.9MM and other support revenue is \$107K. \$249K is the projected increase in the fund balance if we stay the course, but realistically the number will probably will be closer to \$100K. The FTEs will be around the 460s. The projected increase of investment value is approximately \$109K.

Currently we are working with a telephone system that malfunctions regularly. There is a dire need for a new system due its age being 12 years old, and it getting obsolete. The Director of IT,

Thomas Wang has put in a temporary fix and we'll need a long term solution. One solution we're looking into is a cloud-based telephone system. If we went with this, the expense will be about \$24K, \$2K/month. Currently it is \$12K annually. The cloud-based system will give us many features and benefits that the older system did not provide such as a paging system and the access to office phones from our mobile phones. If we go this route, new phones numbers will be issued to users. The project will take several months to complete. Another solution is a complete revamping of the hardware with new servers put in and may be more costly than the cloud-based system. Mr. Wang is currently in discussions with Cisco Systems seeking the positives and negatives aspects of the latter solution.

We will be having an Awards/Talent Night on May 31st at the Manhattan campus. Parents, teachers, staff, students and administrators are all welcome to come to the event. Some of the things that will be showcased are the after-school program's self-defense class demonstration, a dance class performance and a showing of recycling art from the art class. We will also be recognizing students' achievements by handing out certificates of recognition to students. The Culinary program will also be highlighted with students showcasing their culinary talent.

The next Board meeting is April 15, 2019 at 3pm at the Manhattan Campus.

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

Motion: Ms. Jackson moved that we adjourn the meeting.

Second: Mr. Levine seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm.