

In Attendance

BOARD MEMBERS		
NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Ann B. Barnet	X	
Michael D. Barnet	X	
Shawn Chakrabarti	X	
Jacqueline Lopez Ponce		x
Maria Mejia		x
Sarah Friedman	X	
Marcia Harrington	X	
Natalia Isaza Brando		x
Oralia Puente		x
Elaine Weiss	X	

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Others Present: Haley Wiggins, Christine Montgomery, Misbah Ahdab, Laurel Kircher, Marianella Morales, Fernando Saldana, Yinzu Nairouz, Kendall Dorman, and Raj Thomas, Molly Melloh, & Jane Mattson from EdOps.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from last meeting, November 19th, were unanimously approved with discussed corrections.

Motions

Description of Matters Discussed

1. Welcome & Board Business, *Haley & Michael*
 - a. Michael welcomed all and thanked everyone for their support of our community, and Ann and Shawn expressed support as well. Shawn would like to be involved to help in any way possible.

2. Finance Update, *Raj*
 - a. Raj xxx from EdOps presented financial reports (2nd Quarter) showing a positive financial outlook.
 - b. The attendees expressed their appreciation for Raj's contributions and wished him well in his future endeavors
3. *Executive Session*
4. Academic Report, (Laurel's report but shared by *Haley*)
 - a. Haley mentioned that they are using a new version of the English acquisition test, CASAS , which showed a 42% gain mid-year, slightly lower than the previous year's 54%. However, Haley noted that this could be due to the new test and fewer students testing at a higher English level. She also mentioned that they are working through glitches with the new test. Shawn asked if they would be penalized for these changes, to which Haley confirmed that they wouldn't.
 - b. Haley also shared pictures of various school activities and mentioned that they are working on obtaining one-on-one devices and internet hotspots for students to enable remote learning if needed.
5. Middle States
 - a. They discussed the Middle States accreditation process, where they decided to change the term from "profile of a graduate" to "profile of a student" and added a statement about the goals of a TFP student. Ann suggested a possible change to the statement to emphasize the importance of family and community. Ultimately the board approved the suggested change to "profile of a student".
 - b. The meeting also discussed the need for additional board members to join the Governance Committee for the Middle States process. Several board members volunteered to join the committee, including Gail, Marcia, and Christine.
6. Executive Directors' Report, *Haley*
 - a. Haley discussed the new Aspire framework, a performance evaluation system for charter schools, and the process of identifying school-specific performance measures.
 - b. She mentioned that the framework is a revamp of the previous Performance Management Framework and includes a new acronym, Annual School Performance, Index, Report, and Evaluation. Haley mentioned that Laurel and Fernando have been working on the Aspire framework with an expert from DCPCSB.

Next Meeting

Date | time, Location

Next meeting is planned for March 18th, 2025.

