



Board of Trustees Meeting

December 4, 2019

630 PM

147 Saint Nicholas Avenue

New York, NY 10026

Minutes

Trustees Present

Vanessa Goldberg-Drossman
Scott Wickham
Sara Bloom
Linda Aristondo
William Allen

Also Present:

Emily Lynn Carson, Head of School for Instruction

Jason Epting, Head of School for Community and Outreach

Elly Rosenthal, Hebrew Public

Mark Fink, Hebrew Public

Emily Fernandez, Hebrew Public

Ursula Vericain, Director of Operations

Meral Kathwari, Operations Associate

4 HH Community Members

I. **Call to Order and Reminder to Sign Up for Public Comments**

Linda Aristondo opened the meeting at 6:37 pm and reminded anyone in attendance who wished to speak to sign up for public comments.

2. Adoption of Agenda(s)

Scott Wickham made a motion to adopt the December 2019 agenda. William Allen seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

Linda Aristondo made a motion to adopt the November 2019 minutes. Sara Bloom seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Leadership Report

The board was informed of the following:

1. The school schedule has been successfully reconfigured with all classes now able to get outside recess, weather permitting.
2. The afterschool swimming program continues with additional new and partial scholarships being provided to any student interested.
3. OLAM enrichment launched on Friday, November 15th to great expectations. Classes such as yoga, reading and diversity are some of the many provided.
4. Harlem Studies began on Friday, November 22nd for all grades.
5. The school is doing an audit of the meals to ensure that the students are getting their required nutrition.
6. Cultural Diversity Day will take place next week with all students encouraged to bring foods from their culture of choice to share with their fellow students.

5. PTO Report

Vanessa Goldberg-Drossman, briefed the board on the following:

1. The Bookfair held in late November was a huge success raising the largest amount of money for the school, ever.
2. The next PTO meeting will take place the following week.
3. Elections for the PTO will be held to fill the vacancy for PTO CO-Chair.

6. Public Comments

I HH Community Member asked about bus safety.

I HH Community Member asked about engagement with the local Israeli community.

I HH Community Member asked about OLAM hour and the choices available for the students.

7. Staff Comments

None.

8. Executive Session

Linda Aristondo made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Sara Bloom seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Linda Aristondo made a motion to exit Executive Session. Scott Wickham seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

No votes or actions were taken during this time.

9. Adjournment

Linda Aristondo made a motion to adjourn. Sara Bloom seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.