

Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

630 PM

147 Saint Nicholas Avenue

Board Meeting

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order and Reminder to Sign Up for Public Comments**
- 2. Adoption of February 2020 Agenda**
- 3. Approval of January 2020 Minutes**
- 4. Leadership Update**
- 5. PTO Report**
- 6. Public Comments**
- 7. Staff Comments**
- 8. Executive Session**
- 9. Adjournment**



**Board of Trustees Meeting**

January 8, 2020

6:30 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
- Lauren Murphy, Hebrew Public
- Ursula Vericain, Director of Operations
- Meral Kathwari, Operations Associate
- 1 HH 5th Grade Teacher
- 4 HH Community Members

\*By video conference

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

Linda Aristondo opened the meeting at 6:35 pm and reminded anyone in attendance who wished to speak to sign up for public comments.

## **2. Adoption of Agenda(s)**

Linda Aristondo made a motion to adopt the January 2020 agenda. Scott Wickham seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **3. Approval of Minutes**

Sara Bloom made a motion to adopt the December 2019 minutes. William Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

## **4. Leadership Report**

The board was informed of the following:

1. Culture day on December 13<sup>th</sup> was very successful. Students brought foods from their culture of choice and shared with their fellow students.
2. The school had a winter song showcase, which consisted of three separate shows.
3. In light of the recent hate crimes experienced in NY, the school leaders took action to tighten up security (there is one armed-guard on the premises).
4. Jason held the first coffee chat of the year on January 3<sup>rd</sup>- 15 families were present. Another one is scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup> and they are anticipating another big turnout.
5. There have been multiple staffing changes since the new year. Jason and Emily are working hard to reflect and analyze Harlem Hebrew's teacher retention.
6. There are many field trips planned this month as well as Harlem Hebrew's Read-a-Thon where everyone is encouraged to wear pajamas.
7. Math and English assessments are happening this month, both are two days long. Harlem Hebrew hopes to normalize testing for kids and extract data results faster in order for teachers to create individualized goals for each student.

## **5. PTO Report**

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

1. PTO executive meetings will occur on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.
2. The vacancy for PTO CO-Chair is still available.
3. The PTO calendar for the year is complete, they will have 3 affordable fundraisers
4. PTO along with Roger Katz from Hebrew Public is hosting an MLK day sock drive for the homeless.

**6. Public Comments**

None.

**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 7:15 pm.