

SCHOOL IN THE SQUARE CHARTER SCHOOL

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

September 24, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

Location: School in the Square

Board Members Present (in alphabetical order): Michelle DeLong, Scott Gottlieb (by video), Scott Levenson, Michael Pollack, Walter Rendon, Joel Talish, Mindy Tucker

Other Attendees: Carrie Amon, Alan Dichter, Bob Keogh, Evan Meyers

Materials provided to the Board prior to the meeting: June meeting minutes, August Meeting minutes, HOS Report, Finance package, Staff Handbook, Family Handbook.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Mr. Pollack opened the meeting at 5:35 pm.

Mr. Meyers took trustees on a tour of the school and pointed out changes made over the summer including pull-out spaces in many of the classrooms.

Finance: Ms. Tucker and Mr. Keogh reviewed the year end financials and early 2019-2020 financials.

ED Report: Mr. Meyers played a video that highlighted the Summer in the Square program. He further discussed a new data wall program designed by Bud Kroll which will help the teachers and leadership analyze student progress.

Principal's Report: Ms. Amon reviewed additions to the leadership team and goals for the staff for the 2019-20 academic year. She also reviewed changes in the schedule and programs to advance social emotional learning, assessments and independent reading.

Development: Mr. Talish updated the board on recent pledges and donations. He also reported on plans for the December 3 back to school showcase. The event promises to be fun, inspiring and informative.

Facilities: Mr. Meyers discussed options for rental space for the school if our expansion application is granted. The board discussed pros and cons of different options.

Board Voting: The board voted on the following items:

- **Approval of the 6-25-19 and 8-27-19 Meeting minutes.** Mr. Pollack made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June and August board meetings. Mr. Talish seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.
- **Approval of the Staff Handbook and Family Handbook.** Mr. Levenson made a motion to approve the handbooks. Mr. Rendon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

- **Voting of new Board member Jennifer Grazel.** Mr. Talish made a motion to approve Jennifer Grazel as a member of the Board of Trustees of School in the Square. Ms. Tucker seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. Ms. DeLong read the following resolution:

The School in the Square Board of Trustees, having conducted a thorough criminal history record check via fingerprinting which is deemed acceptable by NYSED, and having discovered no State or federal criminal history, or having provided information regarding such history to NYSED, if found, and having verified that any academic and/or professional credential or qualification presented by the proposed member is genuine, and having reviewed the application in its entirety, has voted to select Jennifer Grazel as a member to its Board of Trustees, with a term expiring on June 2022, pending approval by NYSED. The resolution approving Jennifer Grazel is adopted upon NYSED's approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted: Michelle DeLong, Secretary