



The regularly monthly meeting of Coney Island Preparatory Public Charter School was held on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 920 Broadway, NY, NY 10020. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Board Member Present:

Josh Wolfe, Chair
Jennifer McArdle
Shona Pinnock
Joe Herrera

Absent:

Anu Malipatil
Jacob Mnookin
Joe Talia

Guests Present:

Leslie-Bernard Joseph, Deputy Executive Director
Eldridge Gilbert, Chief Schools Officer
Ross Thomason, Chief People Officer
KC Klegar, Director, Finance
Matt Stern, Director, External Affairs
Ross Thomason, Chief People Officer
Nkonye Soetan

Quorum Present: Yes

I. School Update

Leslie-Bernard Joseph opened the meeting by sharing recent events that have taken place since the past Board meeting. He noted that scholars celebrated “Picture me tomorrow,” “Book Character Day,” and “Dress Like a Nerd Day” at the elementary, middle, and high schools respectively. He shared that CIP network leadership and school leadership conducted school audits at each of the three campuses and that school leaders were working on their respective next steps. He also shared recent events surrounding the high school varsity soccer team’s successful team. The Charter School Athletics Association (CSAA) sought to disqualify CIP from tournament play due to fielding a co-

educational roster consisting of girls and boys. The students and coaches rallied around the female athlete and sought to play anyway, but fell short in their first playoff game.

II. Approval of meeting minutes

Leslie-Bernard Joseph shared the October meeting minutes.

Voted: Josh Wolfe made a motion to approve the October minutes. Joe Herrera seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

III. Finance

KC Klegar provided updated the Board of the recent audit findings and the financial review conducted by PKF O'Connor Davies LLP. The audit found no material defects, a clean finding. Mr. Klegar also reminded the Board that the Form 990 had been filed by the November 15 deadline with authorizer SUNY Charter Schools Institute.

IV. Fundraising

Matthew Stern shared annual appeal letters with Board members and asked that those who had not yet returned addresses for prospective asks to please do so.

V. Staffing report

Ross Thomason shared a report on recent staffing trends across the three schools and the network, including historical numbers related to staff attrition and retention. The Chief Schools Officer led a discussion on the implications of attrition trends and his team's strategy to proactively address staff retention.

VI. Strategic plan

Leslie-Bernard Joseph presented elements of Coney Island Prep's strategic plan. The Board engaged in a robust discussion related to the merits, benefits, challenges, and risk factors associated with growth. The Board agreed to take up the discussion again during the December meeting.

VII. Governance

Leslie-Bernard Joseph presented Nkonye Soetan as candidate for election to the Board of Trustees of Coney Island Prep.

Voted: Josh Wolfe made a motion to approve Ms. Soetan's membership to the Board of Trustees. Shona Pinnock and Jennifer McArdle seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

I hereby certify that these are a true and correct copy of the “minutes” that were adopted by the Board of Trustees of this Corporation on November 27, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anu Malipatil, Secretary