

**KINGSTON HILL ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES**

October 1, 2014

5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Dr. John Nazarian, Dr. June Groden, Ms. Anne Considine, Ms. Anne Kuzminsky, Ms. Linda Paolillo, Ms. Johnna Bicknell, Ms. Lorraine Melillo and Dr. Lionel Murray

Members Absent: Ms. Helen Morcos, Ms. Debra Deion, Ms. Lisa Davis and Mr. Rob Raposo

Recording Secretary: Ms. Linda Ollari

Dr. Nazarian called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Linda Paolillo introduced Alison Santerre-Raymond, 5th Grade Homeroom Teacher, and Patricia Hill, Assistant Principal.

1. Approval of Minutes from August 20, 2014 Meeting

Dr. Nazarian requested a motion to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2014 Board meeting. The motion was made, was seconded and passed unanimously.

2. Parent Comments/Staff Comments

None

3. Update on Memorandum of Understanding with Picerne Development with Respect to Potential Extension of Public Water to Kingston Hill Academy – Attorney Christopher Little

There was no update to report at the time of the Board meeting. Attorney Little was not in attendance.

4. CEO Report

Ms. Helen Morcos was not able to attend the Board meeting. The balance sheet for month ending July 31, 2014 was distributed to the Board Members in her absence.

5. Principal's Report – Ms. Linda Paolillo

- Before addressing the agenda topics, Alison Santerre-Raymond reported on KHA's professional development day held on September 9 with all teachers and teacher assistants. The day consisted of new technology such as Google Docs and Access, focusing on individualized learning plans to document the progress of students, and streamlining the 504 process so that information is easily accessible.
- Patricia Hill reported that KHA received funding to purchase software for early literacy, reading and math which all students will use; many students are now on the system. The software will aid in monitoring progress, setting goals and assessing students and is aligned to Common Core standards. Teachers were trained last week.
- KHA has received the science NECAP scores but is not allowed to share them yet; RIDE is holding a meeting on Friday to explain how to present the scores.
- Linda Paolillo reported that the entire school participated in the national Marshmallow Challenge, a team building exercise.

a. Approval of Title IX policy

Board members discussed the Title IX policy. Patricia Hill, Vice Principal, is the Coordinator at KHA for Title IX. Dr. Nazarian requested a motion to receive the Title IX Policy. The motion was made, was seconded and passed unanimously.

b. Bussing Update

Ms. Paolillo visited bus stops to ensure/resolve safety and timing issues reported by parents. Working with the bussing company and Compass to streamline and finalize bus route. Ms. Paolillo is addressing issues with morning drop-offs and afternoon pick-ups.

c. Status of Amendment to Charter

Commissioner Gist recommended the charter amendment; the Board of Regents still needs to approve. The Board of Regents is scheduled to meet on October 14 at RIDE on Westminster Street.

6. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made, was seconded, and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting date: December 3, 2014

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