

**KINGSTON HILL ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
January 7, 2015
5:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Dr. John Nazarian, Ms. Debra Deion, Ms. Anne Kuzminsky, Ms. Lisa Davis, Ms. Linda Paolillo, Ms. Johnna Bicknell and Dr. Lionel Murray

Members Absent: Dr. June Groden, Ms. Helen Morcos, Ms. Anne Considine, Ms. Lorraine Melillo and Mr. Rob Raposo

Guests: Ms. Patricia Hill, Vice Principal

Recording Secretary: Ms. Linda Ollari

Dr. Nazarian called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes from December 3, 2014 Meeting

Dr. Nazarian requested a motion to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2014 Board meeting. The motion was made, was seconded and passed unanimously.

2. Parent Comments/Staff Comments

Beth V., parent, expressed her concern to the Board of Trustees regarding the KHA Handbook. The Board chair indicated that the Board would consider her concerns.

3. CEO Report – Helen Morcos

Ms. Morcos was not in attendance; the CEO and Finance Report will be given at the March 2015 meeting.

4. Principal's Report – Ms. Linda Paolillo

a. Charter Amendment Update

KHA's request to amend its charter will be heard by the Rhode Island Department of Education in Providence on January 12, 2015 at 5:00pm. A van or bus will be available to transport parents, staff and students to the meeting to show support for the Board to approve the request.

There was an article in the Providence Journal that incorrectly stated KHA's charter amendment request. Ms. Paolillo contacted the writer to correct the information in the article.

b. Title IX Policy

Revision/finalization of the Title IX policy is in process. Waiting for feedback from the Office of Civil Rights.

c. Grade Level Configuration

Ms. Paolillo provided data and information from surveys sent to fourth-grade parents. KHA needs stability in the grades it offers so that teachers, students and parents can have continuity. Ms. Paolillo will discuss with the CEO the probability of creating a classroom in the existing structure to even out the classes.

d. Science NECAP Data

Ms. Paolillo provided the Grade 4 Science NECAP Results and Overview – May 2014. KHA ranks 5th out of all the elementary schools in the state.

5. Executive Session

a. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-5(a)(8) - Matters Which Relate to the Privacy of Students and Their Records

Prior to convening executive session, the Board, through Attorney Plain, made a statement that all persons affected have been notified in advance in writing and advised that they may require that the discussion be held at an open meeting.

The Board members voted to enter Executive Session to discuss matters which relate to the privacy of students and their records, pursuant to R.I.Gen. Laws §42-46-5(a)(8). Upon conclusion of discussion, the Executive Session was concluded and open session was reconvened.

A motion was made to seal the minutes/votes taken during Executive Session. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made, was seconded, and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next meeting date: March 25, 2015

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