

**Opportunity Charter School  
Board of Trustees—Minutes  
Thursday, December 6, 2012**

**Trustees Present:** Philip Pallone, June Smith, Alice Cutler, Rob Zellner, Peggy Culver

**Executive Staff Present:** Leonard Goldberg, Marya Baker, Aaron Hawn

**Absent:** Julie McGee, Sangam Sogani

**Public Notification:** Notice of meeting on OCS website (as of December 3, 2012), posted on front door of OCS and displayed in the OCS main office (beginning December 3, 2012). The meeting was held at Opportunity Charter School, 240 West 113<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 314 at 6:00pm. The meeting was led by the Board Chair Philip Pallone. A quorum was reached with 5 out of 7 board members in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

**Adoption of September Board of Trustee Minutes**

A vote to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2012 BOT meeting was taken with all in favor with no dissentions.

**Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

**CEO Report**

Mr. Goldberg discussed the following from his CEO Report:

- OCS Track Team Results
  - OCS Boys placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the High School Division for NY Road Runners Club.
- Update on the outside evaluation firm MDRC
  - Plans to visit the school after the new year and begin analysis of the data provided.
- Middle School Restructuring Update
  - Allison Mutzel, Middle School Teacher, Presentation
- High School and Middle School Progress Report
  - Aaron Hawn, Director of Assessment/Accountability, Presentation
  - Questions from Board answered
    - Middle School comparison to last year's Progress Report will be provided
- Curriculum Project and Addressing Issues raised in the Progress Reports
  - Marya Baker, Principal, Presentation
    - Increase Academic expectations
    - Accelerated Classes
      - 8<sup>th</sup> graders who got 4 on 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math State Test to be put in an additional Math 9 class
    - Math AIS Support

- Columbia Graduate Student to teach College Writing Class
- Overview of Graduation, Year over Year Comparison (1<sup>st</sup> Graduating Class –Class of 2013)
  - Brandon Thomas, Director of Guidance, Presentation
- Carrera Update
  - Michael Clements, Program Director, Presentation
    - Working with families to support them for the holidays
    - Vision Screening resulted in 118 students getting free glasses
    - Continue to support students who are not currently covered by Carrera (12<sup>th</sup> grade)

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **Fundraising Committee Report**
  - Committee reports that the goal of establishing a relationship with one new foundation has been met with the relationship that has been forged with Chef Max Hardy and Daryl “D-trained” Smith.
- **Curriculum Committee Report**
  - Middle School Restructuring and Curriculum Planning already reported on.
  - After school program has begun.
  - Class observations by Committee Members report out.
- **Finance Committee Report**
  - Committee will be holding monthly conference call next week.

#### **Executive Session**

Board moved to Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.