

**Opportunity Charter School
Board of Trustees—Minutes
Wednesday, January 21, 2015**

- Trustees Present:** Mark Alter, Alice Cutler, Maxcel Hardy, Julie McGee, Peggy Culver, Philip Pallone, Rob Zellner & June Smith
- Executive Staff Present:** Leonard Goldberg, Asya Johnson, Aaron Hawn & Allison Mutzel
- Absent:** Jerry Schwartz
- Public Notification:** Notice of meeting on OCS website (as of January 15, 2015) and posted on front door of OCS and displayed in the OCS main office (beginning January 15, 2015). Attending Members of the Board of Trustees met at 240 West 113th Street at 6:00p.m. The meeting was led by the Board Chair June Smith. A quorum was reached with 8 out of 9 board members in attendance.

Adoption of December Board of Trustees' Minutes

A vote to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2014 BOT meeting was taken with all in favor and no dissensions.

CEO Report - Leonard Goldberg, CEO/Head of School

OCS Graduating Senior Spotlight
Shauna Berrios and Ivaneliz Bido

Board Commendations: High School Teachers and Staff
Nellie Morales, Ruth Mae Luche, Sherrie Jackson, Dr. Ricky Koodie & Lindel Emmanuel

Presentation: Middle School Progress Report, Math Progress, English Progress, & Student Behavior
Middle School Principal Allison Mutzel presented on the Middle School Progress Report and the possible reasons for the results in math, solutions for addressing areas of need and the next steps to maintain progress already made in English. She also addressed the current status of student behavior in the Middle School and the positive changes that the implementation of In School Suspension (ISS) has brought.

Presentation: NYU/OCS Joint Quality Review Project
Aaron Hawn, Director of Analytics and Evaluation, presented on the goals, process and protocols for the upcoming Quality Review Project to be conducted by OCS in conjunction with Trustee Mark Alter's NYU students from his Integration Seminar in Special Education.

College and Career Counseling: Business Plan Update
The department is actively recruiting a Career Development Coordinator. Current Career Development Programs already in place include students applying to Co-op Tech, to begin in February, and creating half-day apprenticeships, which also start in February, for two of our alternative assessment students. Recent short-term internship opportunities include MedDoc, Eyebeams, YUNG Harlem and MOMA. We have recently hired a Middle School Guidance Counselor and College Counselor.

4th Annual Alumni Winter Conference – Theme was Inspire and Empower

Alumni from Classes 2010 through 2014 and the upcoming class of 2015 participated in the conference and provided feedback on current programs in place for Alumni and were allotted time to have a “Mix and Mingle”. The conference included a motivational speaker and a Career Fair with participants from US ARMY, US Marines, Monroe College, Lincoln Tech, US Air Force and Citibank. Other participants included OCS Director of Human Resources, Gail Edwards, who provided resume help and taught interview skills, restaurant manager Oscar Collazo, attending physician for a pediatric emergency department Hector Vazquez and music producer Francis Ubiera. Lunch was provided from donations from local restaurants and we held a Fashion Show where everyone had an opportunity to show off their best business casual attire.

Communication from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Executive Session

The Board moved to Executive Session to Legal and Personnel Issues.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.