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The Rosalyn Yalow Charter School

Minutes

June Board Meeting-Part I

Date and Time

Tuesday June 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Location

650 Grand Concourse, 4th fl Cafeteria

Mission Statement

The Rosalyn Yalow Charter School will eliminate the learning achievement gap for economically disadvantaged urban children—including special needs students and English language learners—by using engaging and demanding education; a team teaching model, linking an experienced teacher with a licensed social worker in grades K-2 and with a teaching fellow in later grades; rich extracurricular activities (fencing, arts, chess) to educate the whole child; and family support counseling—all in order to graduate our students at or above grade level in literacy and math.

Vision

Yalow's goal: Developing the whole child, encouraging each young student to excel.

Trustees Present

B. Yalow (remote), G. Feliciano (remote), I. Lee (remote), L. Howard, M. Rosen (remote), R. Lyon (remote), S. Hayes (remote)

Trustees Absent

M. Balbuena

Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened

G. Feliciano

Trustees who left before the meeting adjourned

M. Rosen, R. Lyon

Guests Present

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I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Rosen called a meeting of the board of trustees of The Rosalyn Yalow Charter School to order on Tuesday Jun 21, 2022 at 6:39 PM.

II. Principal report

A. Internal spring assessments (Cycle III)

STEP Literacy (Cycle III classroom data comparisons attached)

- Kindergarten: 61.5% at, or above, STEP 3 target
- 1st grade: 17.5% at, or above, STEP 6 target
- 2nd grade: 11.8% at, or above, STEP 9 target
- 3rd grade: 4.9% at, or above, STEP 12 target
- 4th grade: 8.2% at, or above, STEP 15 target
- 5th grade: 31% at, or above, STEP 18 target

School average: 22.1% at, or above, target

Goal for each child: to achieve 3, or more, STEP growth levels.

- Kindergarten: 52.6% attained 3+ STEP levels of growth
- 1st grade: 45.7% attained 3+ STEP levels of growth
- 2nd grade: 36.5% attained 3+ STEP levels of growth
- 3rd grade: 23.6% attained 3+ STEP levels of growth
- 4th grade: 24% attained 3+ STEP levels of growth
- 5th grade: 73.7% attained 3+ STEP levels of growth

NWEA math

- Kindergarten: 25% at, or above, 162 benchmark target
- 1st grade: 16.8% at, or above, 184 benchmark target
- 2nd grade: 21.2% at, or above, 196 benchmark target
- 3rd grade: 32.4% at, or above, 203 benchmark target
- 4th grade: 34.2% at, or above, 217 benchmark target
- 5th grade: 50% at, or above, 229 benchmark target
- English as a New language (ENL): 11% at, or above, grade-level benchmark targets
- Special education: 18.6% at, or above, grade-level benchmark targets

B. Summer Boost NYC Program (Bloomberg Foundation grant)

20-day Summer Boost program for up to 90 students.

- 8:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
- literacy component utilizes Tiny Ivy curriculum for rising 1st- and 2nd-grade students
- Springboard curriculum for rising 3rd-, 4th-, and 5th-grade students

- Tuesday, July 5–Monday, August 1
- chess camp runs concurrently for a separate group of students
- Summer Boost students have the option to join chess camp, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

C. Hiring updates

Unchanged from May report.

Yalow has a very strong student-to-teacher ratio of 9:1, which exceeds the school's objective of an 11:1 student teacher ratio.

D. Year-to-date-attendance 2021-2022

Many of our families have struggled to find child care this year after NYC lifted COVID-19 restrictions for in-person work. This has resulted in a spike in chronic absenteeism.

September 7, 2021–May 12, 2022

Average attendance rate: 89.7%

Chronic absenteeism: 41.4% (190 students)

Perfect attendance: 1.1% (5 students)

Chronic Absentees by Grade:

Kindergarten: 40 students out of 76 (52.6%)

1st-grade: 36 students out of 83 (43.4%)

2nd-grade: 36 students out of 86 (42.4%)

3rd-grade: 34 students out of 81 (42%)

4th-grade: 28 student out of 76 (36.8%)

5th-grade: 16 students out of 58 (27.6%)

E. Parent engagement

On Saturday, June 18, 2022, the school held a chess & fencing parent day for 40 families.

A July/August schedule for family engagement was shared with the Board. The objective is to keep current Yalow families engaged over the summer and acclimate the 119 new families who have been accepted for fall 2022 enrollment to the Yalow family.

I. Lee requested for the school to survey parents on their opinions of the school's chess and fencing programs.

F. Emergency bus protocols

Pursuant to the the Board's request at the May Board meeting, emergency bus procedures were circulated to all operations personnel.

Topics included:

1. A bus is arriving late to the school due to traffic after OPT has notified us.
2. A bus has broken down while driving to the school in the morning and has caused a delay.

3. A bus was involved in an accident while students were on the bus.
4. A student has fallen ill on the bus while moving.

III. Executive Director report

A. Updates: major CHHS building issues impacting Yalow

Unchanged from May report.

Four building renovation issues need to be addressed by Cardinal Hayes:

1. replacement of electrical switches
2. installation of dunnage on parapet to support HVAC compressors
3. installation of HVAC compressors
4. replacement of parapet roofing

Two separate RFAs are being prepared for Archdioceses approvals, as follows:

Replacement of electrical switches: No ConEd update since April 13. Waiting for Con Ed to send engineer to inspect evaluate the Con Ed "curb" connection from the street to CHHS. CHHS has asked the head of Archdioceses energy management for additional assistance with Con Ed to move the process forward. Con Ed application attached.

Installation of dunnage on parapet to support HVAC compressors: Dunnage shop drawings submitted to Archdioceses to complete the *Request for Authorization* (RFA) and in order for the Archdioceses to approve installation of dunnage. Installation of dunnage and roof replacement cannot proceed until Archdioceses approves RFA.

After Archdioceses approval Yalow's contractor, Kel-Mar, will determine feasibility of installing dunnage and HVAC compressors on weekends when students are not in schools. Otherwise, installation will need to wait until July.

Bottom line: air conditioning will not be available prior to spring 2023.

B. 2022–2023 new student applications

119 families have completed enrollment applications for 2022–2023, including 97 kindergarten students, 10 1st-grade, 10 2nd-grade, and 2 siblings entering the 3rd and 5th grades.

Back of envelop analysis:

June 8, 2022 enrollment:	460
5th-grade graduates:	(58)
Starting point 6/30/22:	402
Students not returning:	(29)
Students who might move:	(16)
Summer attrition:	(61) attrition calculated at 83% of completed return survey
77% of 119 completed enrollment packets:	92

Best-guess for September 2022 student enrollment June 15: 388

Goal is to reduce summertime student attrition among those families who have completed enrollment applications and work to insure that families who have confirmed that that they will be returning to Yalow in September do return.

Student recruitment continues.

C. Concourse Village-Melrose v. citywide COVID-19 infection rates

One in-school infection during the prior 2-week period.

Concourse Village-Melrose v. citywide COVID-19 infection rates:

- **Bronx County: 2.00%**
- **zip code 10451: 5.75%**
- **NYC: 7.82%**

D. June 12 chess tournament results

18 Yalow students competed with 110 players in the Right Moves tournament at Roberto Clemente State Park. No team awards are being given due to COVID-19 restrictions limiting total numbers of competitors.

Significant individual accomplishments:

Under-1300 division

- 2nd place

Under-500 division

- 2nd place
- 5th place
- 6th place
- 12th place
- 14th place

Under-300 division

- 2nd place
- 3rd place
- 6th place
- 7th place
- 9th place
- 11th place
- 13th place
- 18th place
- 24th place

Summer chess camp begins Tuesday, July 5–Monday, August 1. Goal to rebuild a postCovid-19-chess team to compete in NYC and NYS chess championships in 2023.

E. Grant Updates

Pursuant to the Board's request at the May Board meeting, a summary of the 2021–2022 grant applications follows.

Approved grants

1. Bloomberg Philanthropies grant for up to \$126,000 to support a 20-day Summer Boost program for max. of 90 students. Refer to V.B., above

Applications in progress:

1. FY 23 Community Project Funding (CPF) - Congressional "earmark" application by Montefiore School Health Progra to construct a clinic at Yalow. Cong. Bowman's office has already approved the Westchester County portion of Montefiore's application. Funding would support start-up construction and services associated with establishing three additional satellite behavioral health clinics at public schools in high need. Award expected by September.
2. KABOOM! grant for a playground. Yalow applied and won a grant for a \$35,000+ playground in 2016, but our landlord, Walker Memorial, wouldn't permit construction. KABOOM! just reopened grant applications for NYC.

Prospective grant application:

1. Ponce Bank. Yalow's 2021 application was declined, but school intends to reapply in fall 2022.

IV. Outstanding Items for Board approval

A. Approve July 20, 2021 Board Minutes

- G. Feliciano arrived.
- G. Feliciano made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting on 07-20-21.
- I. Lee seconded the motion.
- The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Approve September 30, 2021 Board Minutes

- G. Feliciano made a motion to approve the minutes from Rescheduled Monthly Board Meeting on 09-30-21.
- I. Lee seconded the motion.
- The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Approve October 25, 2021 Board Minutes

- G. Feliciano made a motion to approve the minutes from Rescheduled Monthly Board Meeting on 10-25-21.
- I. Lee seconded the motion.
- The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approve November 16, 2021 Board Minutes

- G. Feliciano made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting on 11-16-21.
- I. Lee seconded the motion.
- The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Approve December 21, 2021 Board Minutes

- G. Feliciano made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting on 12-21-21.

I. Lee seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Approve January 18, 2022 Board Minutes

G. Feliciano made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 01-18-22.
I. Lee seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

G. Approve February 22, 2022 Board Minutes

G. Feliciano made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 02-22-22.
I. Lee seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

H. Approve March 15, 2022 Board Minutes

G. Feliciano made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 03-15-22.
I. Lee seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

I. Approval of April 12, 2022 Board Minutes

G. Feliciano made a motion to approve the minutes from April Board Meeting on 04-12-22.
I. Lee seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

J. Approve May 17, 2022 Board Minutes

G. Feliciano made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 05-17-22.
I. Lee seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

M. Rosen left.
R. Lyon left.
After two members were disconnected from the meeting to to power outage and internet connectivity, M. Feliciano adjourned the meeting to Tuesday, June 28, 2022, due to lack of quorum.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Howard

Documents used during the meeting

- Spring NWEA Data 6.15.22.pdf

- Cycle III Data Analysis 6.15.22.pdf
- Board Meeting Graphs.pdf
- Student Attendance Report Summary.pdf
- Tentative Summer Parent Engagement 6.15.22.pdf
- Yalow Bus Procedure Memorandum 6.6.22.pdf
- School COVID-19 Report 6.17.22.pdf