

# International Leadership Charter High School

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

9-25-12

Present: Nubia Moreno, Lupita Samuels, Dr. Elaine Ruiz-López, and John Paul González, Dr. Doris Torres, Richard Rivera, Governance Consultant

Meeting was called to order at 6:20pm. Minutes of the previous board meeting were unanimously approved.

### CEO Report

There are 286 students enrolled, registration continues. We have engaged Vanguard to assist with recruitment of ELL and SPED students. We also have placed numerous full page ads in the mainstream Spanish language paper "El Diario de La Prensa" to outreach to the Latino and immigrant community to increase our number of ELL students.

Faculty are in place and we started the academic year strong with 25 teachers.

Dr. López shared a slide show of photos of student graduation ceremony and photos at Gracie Mansion with Mayor Bloomberg and Chancellor Walcott during the Valedictorian and Salutatorian Dinner.

Graduation was a huge success in that 95% of our seniors graduated within four years and 98% received college acceptance letters. There will be follow-up with the graduates to ensure that they are pursuing their plans to enroll.

This year's graduating class will be the fourth cohort of students that ILCHS graduates. We have submitted 6 names for consideration by the POSSE Foundation and expect to have some of our seniors class participating in the final rounds.

Dr. López explained in great detail the visit to Wall Street. Our charter school was introduced to Muriel Seibert, the first female on the NY Stock Exchange. One of the programs reviewed was the Financial Literacy program which is currently being implemented in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade as part of an Economics and Financial Literacy class.

Municipal Bonds and other financing strategies were discussed and continue to be deliberately pursued to secure \$18 million to cover the expenses for the construction of our charter school's new facility.

Financial Audited Statements are in process and are expected to be positive and completed on time with no Management Letter issued.

### Board Development

Our governance and organizational consultant, Rich Rivera reviewed topics to further develop good governance, foster board leadership and better communication within the school

community at all levels. This entailed review and discussion of "Leading for Engagement and Performance" a comprehensive and custom report tailored to our school.

The meeting Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Paul González, Acting Chair and Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JP González". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.