

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2023

6:30pm

The Board of Directors of International Leadership CHS met November 29, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m.

The following Members were present:

Edmond Turkson, Secretary
Maria Garcia
Yanelis Munoz

Natalie Lozado, (Board Chair)
Denise Martinez Vasquez
Dr. Elaine Ruiz Lopez, CEO

Board Business

Minutes for the October meeting was reviewed. The Board Chair requested a motion to approve. Denise Martinez 1st motion to approve. Maria made a 2nd motion to approve. All members voted in favor of approving.

Board Chair's Report

The Board Chair requested a motion to approve the Vaping Policy. Denise Martinez 1st motion to approve. Yanelis Munoz made a 2nd motion to approve. All members voted in favor of approving.

Finance Committee Report

N/A

CEO Report

- Dr. Lopez shared with the board the events that led to the development of the Vaping policy. Vaping within the school started to become an issue towards the end of the school year in 2023. Scholars were getting caught in the bathrooms and during class. It has been a problem controlling the issue because the vaping tools identify as pens. As a result, Dr. Lopez had to develop a Vaping Policy to inform both the students and parents of the repercussions if you're caught vaping within the school grounds.
- Tony Lopez our (Chief Officer of Strategic Partnerships) reviewed some of the partnerships he has been able to secure for the school. This included a visit from NYU Teacher Residency Partnership, and Manhattan College. MC assigned a chemistry teacher from the Manhattan College School of Education as part of our faculty and partnership. We had several students participate in the College Readiness Program provided by the Double Discovery Center at Columbia University. In addition, Fordham University Center

for Community Engaged learning identified a professor that will assist in developing a digital college access guide for first generation families.

- Tony has also coordinated events that will be taking place with GPA (Gifted Public Alliance) and BLACC (Black, Latinx, Asian Charter Collaborative). Mr. Lopez has successfully established a partnership with Mosholu Montefiore Community Center, to run the after-school program at the middle school. Lastly, they are reintroducing internships for Juniors and Seniors at the High School.

Closing remarks

- Dr. Lopez proudly informed the board that 3 Alumni have come back and taken positions at the High School.
- Dr. Lopez also provided the Construction Update. There is currently a partial lift on the stop work order. It is unclear now what needs to be done to lift the stop work order 100%. The new projection for the new middle school building is now “2025”.

The Board Chair called the meeting to a close at 7:24 pm.