

Attendees:

- Board Members
 - Susan Mustokoff Akselrad
 - Ivan Rodriguez
 - Joe McDonald
 - Howard Wang
 - Josh Thomases
- School Team
 - Brett Gallini
 - Claire Riccardi
 - Downey Tang
 - Kate Boyle
 - Sherita Smith
- Foundation Team
 - Lauren Perkins
 - Ben Chan
- Community
 - Joseph Messina
 - Matthew Astrachan

Approval of Minutes: Susan made a motion to approve the December 2020 minutes. The motion was made, second and unanimously approved.

Executive Director Report: Brett Gallini led a presentation on the state of the school and focused on the following areas:

- *Enrollment:* Discussed outreach and marketing to promote the school. Applications for high school are strong and outreach efforts will help to boost applications to the middle school.
- *Status of Remote Instruction:* Tentative return to school is 3/1 or 3/15. Reviewed in person learning schedule and attendance data.
- *Mastery Curriculum: Preparation for State Exams February 1- April 16*
 - Schedule: Monday-Wednesday prioritizing ELA and Math, Thursday-Friday in person learning to focus on social and emotional learning (SEL)
 - Fellows: Will support with small group instruction within 80 minute blocks of ELA and Math
 - iReady: School purchased new software that will serve as a state exam simulation. The data will be shared with the Authorizer (SED) and will be used as part of evidence to track students' program.
 - Financial incentives: Spot bonus program to reward anyone working with students. The criteria will focus on two areas: professional and personal learner and student outcomes.
- *Covid-19 Vaccine & Staff Impact:* Vaccine eligibility for staff and PPE requirements for school reopening.

- *Corrective Action Update:* Authorizer will focus on data, either NYS ELA and Math exams and/or iReady data. An onsite or virtual authorizer visit will take place in a couple months; the state will follow up with a written report.

High School Report: Claire Riccardi shared an update on the launch of GO-NYC High School.

- *Ninth Grade Enrollment:* Reviewed list of returning 8th grade students and external applications. Discussed outreach efforts to promote the high school in the community.
- *8th Grade Transition:* Meeting with students and parents to prepare them for high school. Individual meetings are scheduled as needed.
- *Hiring:* The Principal and teacher job descriptions are posted. Currently vetting resumes for the Principal position to begin 5/1.
- *Extracurriculars:* The high school will offer debate, robotics, Global Nomads, and Girls Who Code.

Finance Report: Howard Wang and Ben Chan reported on the school's financial health. The budgeting process for FY 22 will begin soon. Spending is currently aligned with the budget. The team is reviewing additional grants the school may be eligible for. Overall, the financial health of the school is strong.

Facilities: Lauren Perkins, Joseph Messina and Matthew Astrachan presented on the short and long term facility plan for the existing building and two potential sites. Proposals for new sites received by the school's realtors. The proposals will be vetted and a response generated by the school's representation.

Open Forum: Discussed staff and student physical and emotional health during remote learning.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.