

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting – Trailblazers Academy

Meeting held on December 28, 2011 – 83 Lockwood Avenue, Stamford CT.

Meeting was called to order @ 7:30 by Chairman Pat McCartney

Attendees – Patrick McCartney (Chairman of the Board), David Williams (Teacher representative), Boyana (Student representative), Michael McGuire (Director of School Support Services) Craig Baker (Chief Education Officer), Julienne Foy (Co-Director – Trailblazers Academy), Chris Emmerson-Pace (Co-Director – Trailblazers Academy).

Action – the November minutes were presented for approval, and was voted on and passed unanimously.

Chief Education Officer’s Report – Craig Baker reported on the Charter Renewal Schedule. The SDE will visit the school on February 28th. The school is busy preparing items including curriculum, certification and governance. Mr. Baker has asked Mr. McGuire (Director of School Support Services) to spearhead the effort. Also, the school will have its 6 month target review in February with Mike Duggan (ED – Domus) and Julie Degennaro (Assoc ED – Domus). Staff completed the well-being survey and will have report for January meeting. The school has taken on supervisions as an area of focus. Each supervisor has been charged with holding consistent and meaningful supervisions. Mr. Baker will be conducting a survey and meeting with a task force to monitor and improve the process.

Director’s report – Chris Emmerson-Pace (CEP) gave the following report. – CEP said that the school would be doing their holiday presentations on 12/23. All are welcome to participate. On 1/7 the second quarter will end, report card grades will be computed and report card night will be held 1/12/12. The school will be embarking on the 2nd round of assessments and subsequent analysis. The school will dedicate some Pd time for that. The school was able to provide holiday gifts for 25 families (angel families) and over 110 families participated in the shopping mall.

Director’s Report – Julienne Foy gave the following report – 3 students have been accepted at Trinity Catholic High School for the 12-13 school year. The school has been focusing on targets and is pleased to report that the attendance rate for the school has exceeded 95% (in all grades). They have also been monitoring the number of students that have been remanded to problem solving and report that there have been 45 incidents in all grades. They have an action plan in place opposite student behavior.

Student report – Boyana made the following report – the students were working diligently on their science research project using a web based domain. They have been skyping with a consultant to create 3 dimensions figures.

Action – The Bullying policy was discussed, voted on and approved. The Directors will implement the program effective immediately.

Financial Report – Edwin Naval, the Chief Financial Officer gave a report on the financial statement. There was a discussion concerning school supplies purchased. Also major expenditures were discussed.

ACTION – it was moved that the financial report be approved and all were in favor.

Denise Donald is still in the hospital and is recuperating. There is no date for her expected return.

ACTION – A motion was proposed that the Board meeting be adjourned and all were in favor.

The next Board meeting will be 1/23/2012 @ 7:30 am. The meeting was adjourned @ 8:15.

