

**Achievement First Brooklyn Charter Schools
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Thursday, November 15, 2018
6:00-8:00pm
AF Network Support Offices, 335 Adams Street, Suite 700, Brooklyn, NY**

- BOARD-APPROVED MEETING MINUTES -

Board Members in Attendance:

Angela Tucker, Romy Coquillette, Justin Cohen, Judith Jenkins, Alison Richardson, Andy Hubbard, Deborah Shanley, Chris Lynch (attending by phone), Amy Samuels (attending by phone), Will Robalino (attending by phone)

Staff and Guests in Attendance:

Erika Hval, Jasmine Jeffers, Fatimah Barker, Warren Young, Dacia Toll (attending by video conference), Ken Paul (attending by phone)

Erika Hval recorded the minutes. The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM.

1. FY18 New York State Assessment Results and Academic Performance Update

Dacia Toll provided an overview of Achievement First Brooklyn's (AF) FY18 New York State test results. Ms. Toll discussed changes to the tests. Overall, AF Brooklyn schools achieved sustained performance growth for the third consecutive year.

In ELA, AF Brooklyn elementary and middle schools are now out-performing "non-poor" districts in the State. In Math, AF Brooklyn elementary and middle schools are nearly on par with the State's highest-achieving "benchmark" districts. These are average results, however, and performance by school varies; closing internal gaps is a focus. AF is working to identify and spread best practices from the highest performing schools so that all schools may benefit.

Ms. Toll also described AF's focus on Student Growth Percentiles (SGPs), which compares a student's performance to his or her peers who started the year with similar scores. This nuanced measure allows AF to see which schools are best at promoting individual student growth.

In her high school update, Ms. Toll explained that AF scholars' average SAT score is up slightly from last year and exceeds the national average, but AF is still working to do better. AF is looking into improving SAT prep work, as well as exploring ways to improve AP performance and increase Expected College Completion rate (ECC).



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2. Achievement First Linden Middle School Update

Ms. Toll announced that the original plan for Linden Middle School's permanent residence did not go through, and that AF is currently exploring new options. AF is urgently looking into short-term options where the school could reside for one to three years, in addition to long-term/permanent options. Once AF has terms ready for consideration, they will be brought to the Board.

3. Board Business

The below resolutions were unanimously approved by the Board:

Resolution 1: RESOLVED, the Achievement First Brooklyn Charter Schools ("AF Brooklyn") Board of Trustees hereby approves the financial report as presented.

Resolution 2: RESOLVED, the AF Brooklyn Board of Trustees hereby approves the audited financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2018.

Resolution 3: RESOLVED, the AF Brooklyn Board of Trustees hereby approves the meeting minutes from October 4, 2018.

Resolution 4: RESOLVED, the AF Brooklyn Board of Trustees, on behalf of Achievement First Voyager Charter School, hereby approves the revised enrollment plan attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Resolution 5: RESOLVED, pursuant to the By-Laws, the AF Brooklyn Board of Trustees hereby fixes the number of members of the Board of Trustees at fourteen (14).

RESOLVED FURTHER, the AF Brooklyn Board of Trustees hereby approves Warren Young to join the AF Brooklyn Board of Trustees.

The AF Brooklyn Board of Trustees is thus comprised of the following individuals:

- Deborah Shanley (Chair)
- Jonathan Atkeson (Treasurer)
- Andy Hubbard (Secretary)
- Justin Cohen
- Romy Coquillet
- Lee Gelernt
- L. Priscilla Hall
- Judith Jenkins
- Christopher Lynch
- Alison Richardson
- William Robalino



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- Amy Arthur Samuels
- Angela Tucker (*ex-officio* parent representative)
- Warren Young

The Finance Committee explained that the financials presented are forecasting a shortfall, and that much of this shortfall is due to the Apollo Middle School budget. Fatimah Barker spoke about a special education billing issue and enrollment issue that led to this, both of which are being addressed. AF is currently looking at broader attempts to address student recruitment challenges (*e.g.*, when some students are enrolling in Pre-K programs and not applying to charter Kindergarten) and the Board suggested exploring this issue more in depth at a future meeting.

4. Announcements

Announcements were made regarding future Board meeting topics, scheduling Board school visits, scheduling principal interviews with the Board, and an upcoming charter renewal meeting.

There being no other business before the Board, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: To adjourn at 8:20 PM.



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