



STRADFORD PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL FOR BOYS

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STRADFORD PREP BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Date	Wednesday, January 29, 2020
Time	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Location	Columbia University - Teachers College - 152 West 120th New York, NY 10027
Phone Conference Information	262-607-9096 PIN: 582 700 917 #
Video Conference Link	<u>Join Hangouts Meet</u> - meet.google.com/ycd-kgwe-vxh

STRADFORD PREP MISSION - United by our Core Values of Brotherhood, Excellence, Self-Efficacy, Adaptability, & Leadership, our school will provide young men of all backgrounds and experiences with a robust academic, character, and social education in a nurturing environment. We will inspire our young men and guide them along the path that leads to independence and greatness.

STRADFORD PREP'S VISION - Our school will provide the highest quality educational experience from boyhood to young adulthood to fuel the academic, cultural and character growth of each student, helping each realize his highest potential.

→ **Call to Order**

→ **Board of Trustees Expected to Attend**

1. Keith Howard
2. Brandi Womack
3. Logan Hasson
4. Shyah Dickerson
5. Tunde Lawson

→ **Board of Trustees absent with prior notice**

1. None

→ **Others expected to attend the meeting**

1. Dominique Nute
2. Liz Sundback

→ **Approval of the Agenda**

→ **Welcome and Public Comment - Invite the community to speak**

→ **School Leader Report**

1. Additional Planning Year update
2. Revisions for Charter

→ **Governance Committee**

1. No Report

→ **Facilities Committee**

1. Space update from CSD 11
2. Budget for Space

→ **Academic Excellence/Accountability Committee**

1. No Report

→ **Finance Committee**

1. Raza

→ **Fundraising Committee**

1. No Report

→ **Unfinished Business**

1. Space in CSD 11

→ **Accepting Reports & Motions to Accept Reports**

→ **New Business**

1. Raza Repayment Plan

→ **Comments/Announcements**

1. Board meeting for Feb.
2. Community Event ideas – please submit to info@stradfordprep.org

→ **Adjournment**

1. Motion to adjourn the meeting
2. Remarks - Next Meeting Date and Location

→ **Executive Sessions**



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STRADFORD PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL FOR BOYS MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020 @ 6:30PM

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Stradford Preparatory Charter School for Boys (the "School") was held on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at Columbia University - Teachers College - 152 West 120th New York, NY 10027. The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm.

Roll call was taken at 6:38pm. All trustees presented stated their name and stated that they were present.

→ Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm by the Board Chair, Mr. Keith Howard.

→ Trustees Present in Person

- Roll call was taken. The following members were present at the meeting:
 - Keith Howard
 - Brandi Womack
 - Logan Hasson
 - Tunde Lawson

→ Trustees Absent with prior notice

- Shyah Dickerson

→ Others in Attendance:

- Dominique Nute

(4) of the (5) trustees were in attendance in person/present throughout the meeting, which constituted a quorum for the transaction of business at the meeting. There were three members of the public that were also in attendance.

→ Approval of the Agenda

- The agenda was presented and approved by the Board of Trustees for Stradford Prep.
- The motion was made to approve the agenda for Wednesday, January 29, 2020. The motion was seconded and the agenda was approved by the board.

→ Welcome and Public Comment - Invite the community to speak

- There was no public comment made at this meeting.

→ Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. BOT read over minutes
- A motion was made to approve the minutes from last month's meeting by the Board of Trustees for Stradford Prep.
- The motion was made to approve the minutes from last month's meeting for Monday, December 9, 2020. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved by the board. Logan will sign them and update them to the site.

→ School Leader Report

- Update regarding Revisions for Charter - Ms. Nute has been in contact with Stephaine regarding updating the charter to include our partnership with Brick as well as updating our timeline to open. We also spoke about the CSD change. We discussed with Vicki that we did not have to do the public hearing but she said NYSED would notify us if that is the case. We are looking forward to submitting the revisions before March.

- Update regarding planning year 3 - Ms. Nute had another conversation with Brick. Ms. Nute wanted to be really transparent about the reasons behind the third planning year. Ms. Nute and Stephanie spoke about how to formalize the request for the 3rd planning year with the state. Stephanie said that she would follow up with NYSED about their thoughts around us taking another year especially since we will not have any CSP funding left.

→ Governance Committee

- There was no report this month from the Governance Committee.

→ Facilities Committee

- Mr. Howard spoke about the Our Savior Lutheran space indicating that they were eventually going to downgrade and begin to phase out of the education field. Within 2-3 years they will be out of the education field and the entire building would be available for rental for another school.
- The question that Mr. Hasson possessed was - how will the planning year fund the rental space for the short term lease? Where will the money come from if our CSP funding can't be used?
- Our Savior Lutheran is requesting \$500,000.00 for the annex space in a 3 year lease agreement. Even during the planning year they are requesting that amount to hold the space.
- Mr. Howard stated that Maureen was looking to get on a call with SPC because the state has already published that there will be a 3rd planning year. She was a little nervous about that.
- Mr. Howard said that the proposal from OSL said that SPC will need to match what Emblaze has been paying for the space beginning July 2020 which is when the 3rd planning year would start.
- Mr. Hasson asked if OSL would entertain a counter proposal from us for a different amount that may be lower than the amount Emblaze is paying?
- Mr. Howard also stated that Brick agreed to help SPC hold a space and that while Cardinal Hayes is still an option now it won't be for much longer and he doesn't want to be left without a space should the counterproposal not be accepted. We would need to act on Hayes if that is an option beyond this year.
- Mr. Lawson asked what Brick's vision as it pertains to facilities, and leasing? What support will they give SPC? Ms. Nute stated that per a call with our legal team and Brick, Brick has funds to help compensate a planning year lease.
- Mr. Howard concurred but indicated that in a follow up conversation that he had subsequently with Mr. Lee had the feeling he needed more concrete financial numbers and it was not an absolute that they would be subsidizing the planning year lease in full.
- Mr. Hasson wanted to get back to the OSL lawyer with a counter proposal for the entire building, not just the Annex space. Mr. Lawson questioned why the whole building was not an option to begin with. Mr. Howard reiterated that he felt that it may be soon because of the suggestions of them downsizing but that those plans are just not firm yet. Mr. Howard wanted Ms. Nute to ask Mr. Lee what Brick suggests were as far as a counterproposal on her next call with Brick.
- Ms. Nute also stated that right now it is all speculative based on the existing budget and the rental assistance money. She will meet with Mr. Lee again and get better clarity on what type of support Brick will be able to provide SPC as it relates to funding for the space since we are taking a 3rd planning year.
- Mr. Lawson asked if Brick provided their financial records and has exhibited an ability to deliver on what they may be offering in the way of financial support for the short term space.
- Ms. Nute stated again that she knows Mr. Lee would need concrete figures in order to propose how they can be supported. She will discuss this on her next call with him.

→ Academic Excellence/Accountability Committee

- There was no report this month from the Academic Excellence.

→ Finance Committee

- Raza - Mr. Lawson and Ms. Nute stated that they are working with CSBM to create a plan to pay back Raza before the loan ends. CSBM stated they would get back to SPC once they review the loan agreement and the structure of the loan as it relates to CSP. Ms. Nute stated she would provide an update at next month's meeting.

→ Fundraising Committee

- There was no report this month from the Fundraising Committee.

→ **Unfinished Business**

- Ms. Nute stated she had a conversation via email with NYSED. Ms. Nute stated that NYSED would have to also approve the change to CSD 11. She stated that the change would probably be contingent upon a lease agreement per an email from Vicky.
- For the charter revisions, they will include the long term space in the agreement.

→ **Accepting Reports & Motions to Accept Reports**

- There was a motion to accept the committee reports for the month of January made by Ms. Womack. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lawson and approved by the majority vote of the board.

→ **New Business**

- RAZA repayment plan - Ms. Nute stated that she is going to present the plan for the Raza loan at the next meeting but that we have to start to think about fundraising. We have to think about how we will reallocate Walton Funds to pay this back. We will meet in the coming weeks to determine the plan and share it with the board at the next meeting

→ **Comments/Announcements**

- Mr. Howard thanked everyone for attending the special meeting.
- Community Event ideas – please submit to info@stradfordprep.org

→ **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:15pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hasson and passed by the board. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm
- Remarks - None

→ **Executive Sessions**

Respectfully submitted,

Logan Hasson

*I, **Logan Hasson** the duly qualified interim acting Secretary of Stradford Preparatory Charter School for Boys, a New York education corporation, do hereby certify that I prepared these Minutes, and that the above is a true and complete copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the said corporation held on Wednesday, January 29, 2020.*