

Minutes for September 19, 2023
Board of Trustee of Grand Concourse Academy

Board members in attendance: Arlene Hall, Richard Conley, Walder Turner and Valerie Cesca

Absent: Felix Moquete,

GCA staff in attendance: Ira Victor, Martin McDowell, Michael Simonetti, Mr. Delussey

Parents: Mrs. Melo and Mrs. Febo

The Board Chair, Arleen Hall, opened the meeting at 6:10PM and thanked everyone for coming.

Minutes of August 29, 2023: Reviewed and approved by Board

Financials

Martin McDowell and Mr. Delussey discussed the school financials. He reported that the benchmarks, projected revenues and expenses are being met, that the budget is in balance. He also reported on rates currently earned on deposits. We discussed the Bond rate and prepayment schedule. We agreed to get refresher from Wye River.

Executive Director's Report—Mr. Ira Victor

1. **Existing Facility Repairs.** Mr. Victor informed the Board that facility repairs on leaks were completed.
2. **Expansion Update:** Project is on schedule. Ira meets regularly with the contractor and our architect, monitoring progress and contributing to process. Logistics of construction and safety were discussed.
3. **Enrollment:** Current enrollment 726 students, near target.
4. **Special Needs Students:** Many students have special needs that require more specialized schools and appropriate settings. The Committee on special education is working with us and families to ensure students are appropriately placed in well equipped settings. We were notified that several students who were transferred from other charter schools including Success Academy never received services in their previous schools, causing further delays in their academic progress.
5. **Staffing:** In addition to filling regular positions the school is also looking for special needs students.

6. **Meet the Teachers:** On September 15 Meet the Teachers was held after school. It was well attended and positive.
7. **NY State Baseline Scores:** Scores were down this year from last as a result of the pandemic. Focus going forward is in person teaching drilling the basics.
8. **After School Program:** 300 Students have signed up for the program. Focus is on arts and crafts.

Richard Conley moved to adjourned meeting at 7:55PM. Valerie Cesca seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.