

**Hyde Leadership Charter School  
Trustees Meeting  
June 2, 2014  
Minutes**

Trustees Present:           Herb Fixler  
                                  Deborah Dumont  
                                  David Steadly  
                                  Dennis Mehiel  
                                  Herb Kaplan

Trustees Absent:           Wilder Baker  
                                  David Sachs  
                                  Jeanette Melendez

Also present:               Elizabeth Olney, Head of School  
                                  Craig Mills, Director of Development  
                                  Michael McNamara, Chief Operating Officer  
                                  Tom Sturtevant, Executive Director  
                                  Joanne Goubourn, Hyde Foundation  
                                  Maureen Singer, Young Professionals Committee member  
                                  Rob Kramer, Guest

With a quorum present the meeting began at 6:25 PM, Mr. Fixler presiding.

**1. May 5, 2014 meeting minutes**

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved by the Trustees present to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2014 meeting.

**2. Revised By-Laws**

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved by the Trustees present to approve the revised By-Laws.

**3. Development Discussion**

Mr. Mehiel, Chairman of the Development Committee, reported on a meeting held May 29<sup>th</sup> where the Development Committee reviewed projections for FY14 fundraising and the FY15 development plan by major categories. He implored the Trustees to do what they can—both individually and via their fundraising networks—to close a projected gap between expected donations and a goal of \$415,000. He reported on the Committee’s discussion about the major giving categories and whether dollars should be shifted among the categories without reducing the overall FY15 target. He asked the Trustees present if anyone had concerns about the relative

allocation of the total budget to the individual categories and wanted the allocations changed. No Trustee asked that the categories be adjusted.

Mr. Mills described upcoming events—a “Friendraiser” at the home of a Hyde employee’s sister on June 5 and a Hyde Supporters’ Reception on June 25 where 50-60 people were expected.

**4. Finance Committee**

Mr. McNamara presented results for the one and ten months ended April 30. He characterized the month as uneventful and in line with expectations, both for the month and the year-to-date. McNamara provided an update on the targeted summer re-cabling of the Information Technology network at 730 Bryant Avenue. He stated the July 1 implementation of a Healthcare Reimbursement Account (HRA) for all faculty enrolled in the school’s medical plans was on schedule.

**5. Head of School Report**

No report.

**6. Nominating Committee**

Mr. Fixler asked Rob Kramer to introduce himself. Mr. Kramer described his business background running an Intellectual Property Investment Fund and his volunteer work with Hyde high school students. He answered several questions from Trustees and expressed admiration for the work that Hyde is doing in Hunts Point.

**7. Human Resources Committee**

No report.

**8. Facilities Committee**

Mr. McNamara reported that weekly carbon dioxide readings were generally in acceptable ranges, although all HVAC work identified by the Department of Education has not yet been completed.

**9. Education Committee**

No report.

**10. Hyde Foundation**

No report.

**11. Public Comments**

None.

**12. Other Business**

Mr. Fixler described work being done by the Coalition of Community Charter Schools. The Coalition of 50 non-network charter schools is making the case for rent assistance for schools currently in private space to mirror the support being given to new charters. Mr. Sturtevant emphasized the need to articulate the strengths of independent charter schools and to build Hyde-Bronx's identity. Mr. Mehiel referenced some work Mr. Baker has done in this regard.

### **13. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Minutes prepared by Michael McNamara