

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. Board Chairman Julio Vázquez called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. A quorum was established.

Board Members Present:, Eugenio Marlin, Ryan Caster, Gloria Soldevila, Dr. Marcia DeJesús-Rueff, Miguel Meléndez, Caroline Rodriguez, Dr. Miriam Vázquez, and Julio Vázquez.

Board Members Absent:

Angélica Pérez-Delgado and Rosemary Johnson.

School Staff & Others Present:

Sandra Chevalier-Blackman, Nikki Kersbergen, Wanda Serrano, Leslie Rivera, Vincent Alexander, Natalie Rodriguez, Matt Kleehammer, Amy Schiavi, Darling Villanueva, Yisset Belliard-Lopez, and Angela Villanueva.

MISSION MOMENT:

Our senior, Darling Villanueva, presented the mission moment. The New York State Seal of Biliteracy is a seal placed on the graduation certificate in recognition of students who attained proficiency in two or more world languages by high school graduation, one of which must be English. The seal aims to recognize high school graduates who have attained high proficiency levels in all four modalities of language (Speaking, Listening, reading, and Writing) in more than one language besides English. Senior Darling Villanueva presented his two presentations on social justice in English and Spanish to the board. The topics were: Why is Animal testing a problem? and La explotación infantil en Latinoamérica (Child exploitation in Latin America).

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input.

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

New Board Member

EMHCS's new board member, Ms. Caroline Rodriguez, was introduced to the full board, and everyone had an opportunity to introduce themselves.

Rochester Charter Board Symposium

- The event took place on Thursday, May 2, 2024
- Topics of discussion are the Charter School Funding Calculations
- Rochester Charter Schools lost \$226 per pupil funding for the 2024-2025 school year

- Local representatives and parents need to be engaged and advocate more for charter school funding

Culminating Celebration

- Franklin H. Williams Commission Program Adopt a School Program and Judicial Curriculum
- Two EMHCS students presented
- There was a Q&A that consisted of two judges and one attorney referee

Campus Tour

- Campus tour of the elementary and middle school with CEO Ms. Chevalier Blackman

Budget

- Met with CEO Ms. Chevalier Blackman and Finance Manager Nikki Kersbergen to provide guidance on the 2024-2025 EMHCS budget.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT:

Enrollment:

- Enrollment for April 996 students
- Enrollment for May 992 students

Attendance:

- March's attendance averaged 81%, and April 86%.

The Data Dashboard that was presented during the meeting included the following:

- 3-8: % Tested NYS ELA Exam
- 3-8: % Test NYS Math Exam
- 5&8: % Tested NYS Science Performance & Written
- 2020 Cohort Accountability

Operations:

United Way Day of Caring:

- Thursday, May 23, 2024
- 12 Volunteers from The Children's Institute

Campus Expansion Project

- On Thursday, May 23, 2024, the City of Rochester's zoning board approved our campus expansion project.
- We received the General Maximum Project (GMP) estimate for the Joseph Campus Expansion Project.

COVID-19

- 51 total cases to date

ELT Updates:

Before School:

- Before school at the Zimbrich Campus, 77 students are enrolled, with 99% attendance

After School

- After School at the Zimbrich Campus, 76 students enrolled with 98% attendance
- After School at the Joseph Campus, 22 students enrolled with 90% attendance

PTO

- The PTO meeting was on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. Dr. Matthew Gearing from the Flaum Eye Institute gave a presentation. The Flaum Eye Institute will partner with EMHCS to provide a mobile unit that will come to the school and provide free eye exams for the students. There were registration tables for summer school programs and vendors promoting other summer opportunities available to the students.
- 18 families attended

CEO Updates:

Items of Discussion:

- Recruitment Initiatives
- Community Engagement
- The 360 Surveys went out for the K-12 staff
- The results of the parent surveys are available.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dr. DeJesús-Rueff commended the staff for their great work behind the scenes and for ensuring that things are in place that will make the students successful.

The 2024-2025 Assessment Calendar was presented for approval. Mr. Meléndez moved the motion, and Mr. Marlin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The 2024-2025 Data Dashboard Calendar was presented for approval. Mr. Meléndez moved the motion, and Mr. Marlin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The 2024-2025 At A Glance Calendar was presented for approval. Mr. Caster moved the motion, and Mr. Marlin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Chapter Bylaws of the EMHCS of the National Honor Society were presented for approval. Mr. Caster moved the motion, and Mr. Marlin seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously. EMHCS currently has 16 potential inductees who will hopefully be inducted on June 10, 2024. A formal invitation will go out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE MANAGER REPORT/FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Finance Committee met before the board meeting and recommended the proposed 2024-2025 Budget. It will be presented to the entire board for final approval. The school received a decrease of 1.5% per pupil aid, which is \$226.70 for each RCSD student. Rochester, NY, Charter schools were the only

schools affected. The budget also took into effect an increase in medical insurance by 4.5% and the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) by 2%.

Financial Reports

Ms. Kersbergen reviewed the 2024-2025 EMHCS Budget. The budget is based at 85% capacity, with an enrollment of 1030 students.

The 2024-2025 EMHCS Budget was presented for approval. Mr. Meléndez moved the motion, and Dr. Vázquez seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

The minutes of April's board meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Caster moved the motion, and Mr. Marlin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

April's financials will be postponed and presented during June's board meeting.

The updated FOIL Policy & Notice in the Parent/Student Handbook was approved. Mr. Meléndez moved the motion, and Mr. Marlin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The updated FERPA Policy in the Parent/Student Handbook was presented for approval. Mr. Caster moved the motion, and Mr. Marlin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The updated Promotion & Graduation Policy in the Parent/Student Handbook was presented for approval. Mr. Caster moved the motion, and Mr. Marlin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building Committee:

There is no current update.

Governance Committee:

There is no current update.

Personnel Committee:

There is no current update.

Fundraising Committee:

There is no current update.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business.

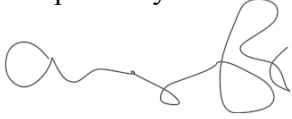
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Vázquez requested a motion to adjourn the meeting with no other business to discuss. Mr. Marlin moved the motion, and Mr. Meléndez seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 25, 2024. It will be at the Administrative Office, 977 Joseph Avenue, conference room, Rochester, NY 14621.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angélica Pérez-Delgado', written in a cursive style.

Angélica Pérez-Delgado
Board Secretary