



Board of Trustee April Meeting
April 27, 2026 at 6:30pm

Attendees	Dermoth Mattison, Executive Director (ex-officio trustee)	Present
1	Keith Brown (Chair)	Present
2	Arturo Cuchillas (Vice Chair)	Present
3	Kanika Mobley (Secretary)	Present
4	Miguel Garrick (Treasurer)	Present
5	Kevin Warren (Trustee)	Present
6	Danielle Gray (Trustee)	Present

1. Welcome

2. Call to Order and Roll Call

- April board meeting called to order at 6:40 pm

3. March Meeting Minutes

- Miguel Garrick motions to accept the reading of the March meeting minutes.
Kevin Warren seconds. The motion carries.

After the motion was accepted, the floor was opened for questions and comments on the report, followed by a brief discussion.

4. Public Comment Period

- No public comments.

5. Executive Director's Report

a. Operations

i. Enrollment: Must have goal 300

1. 14.3% SWD
2. 19% ELL
3. 68% ED

ii. Attendance:

1. 83% Kinder
2. 78% 1st



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3. 78% 2nd
 4. 82% 3rd
 - iii. Student recruitment (Must have goal 90): On track
 - iv. April Updates
 1. Completed Registration for the SY 26-27.
 2. Made offers to three of our international teachers.
 3. Hired and onboarded the evening crew janitor.
 4. Fully staffed.
- b. Facility
- a. April Updates
 - i. New safety improvements to 2nd floor staircase rails.
 - ii. Hallway and classroom floors polished.
 - iii. Improvement in the GYM; updated safety padding.
 - iv. Refresh of ceiling tiles throughout the building.
 - v. Repainted the staircase.
- c. Academic
- a. April Updates
 - i. Family Engagement: Monthly ENL and Academic Virtual Workshops
 - ii. Assessment Cycle: The 7 Essentials/Insights survey was successfully administered.
 - iii. NYSESLAT: State testing began for eligible scholars.
 - iv. F&P: Round 3 assessments completed.
 - v. School Culture: Earth Day was celebrated schoolwide, reinforcing community values.
 - vi. Upcoming Testing:
 1. May 5-6: NYS ELA Test
 2. May 12-13: NYS Math Test
- d. School development
- i. April Updates
 1. Completed the strategic growth planning process with Bellwether, including a final alignment call to confirm priorities, timelines, and implementation roadmap.
 2. Grant Strategy: Actively pursuing external funding opportunities.
 3. Fund Development: Participating in the FundEd Fellowship to strengthen long-term fundraising strategy and organizational sustainability.



4. Marketing & Outreach: Engaged Agency Works (CSGF) to enhance social media presence, branding, and community engagement through targeted marketing efforts.
5. Swag store: Currently working internally to choose designs and launch online store for the community

e. Finance (w/ Board Treasurer)

- a. The school remains in a strong fiscal position.

- Danielle Gray motions to Accept Finance Report. Seconded by Kevin Warren. Motion carries.
- Kevin Warren Motion to accept the Executive Director's report. Seconded by Arturo Cuchillas.

After the motion was accepted, the floor was opened for questions and comments on the report, followed by a brief discussion.

6. Executive Session

- Dermoth Mattison requests Mr. Miller and Ms. Rodriguez to remain in session.
- Danielle Gray motions to enter into executive session. Seconded by Miguel Garrick. Motion carries.
- The board enters into executive session at 7:55 pm.
- Danielle Gray motions to end executive session. Seconded by Arturo Cuchillas.
- Board exits executive session at 8:57 pm.

7. Adjournment

- Kevin Warren motions to adjourn the meeting. Miguel Garrick seconded. Motion carries
- The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for May 25, 2026