

APPROVED



Bridge Preparatory Charter School

Minutes

Academic Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday July 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Location

Call In: 701-802-5114

Passcode: 5094595#

Committee Members Present

A. Margolis (remote), J. Villani (remote), M. Petrone (remote), R. Kerr (remote), T. Castanza (remote)

Committee Members Absent

M. Casale, S. Cucchia

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

R. Kerr called a meeting of the Academic Committee Committee of Bridge Preparatory Charter School to order on Tuesday Jul 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

M. Petrone made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Committee Meeting on 06-02-20.

T. Castanza seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Academic

A. Re-Opening Status

Tim Castanza introduced and welcomed Joelle Villani as the new Director of Teaching and Learning, and reported that he and his administrative team are well into working on the opening plan. Main elements of the restart plan is as follows:

1. The Gov. will make the decision whether or not to open NYS schools on or around 8/6.
2. The school opening plan has to be submitted by 7/31/20.
3. Bridge is subject to DOE site and facilities regulations since we are co-located. These are not yet announced or known.
4. We must abide by Department of Health requirements which dictate much of the site setup. Social distancing, 50% occupancy, etc. In addition, protective equipment has been ordered that will support teaching and learning, as much as possible.
5. Student and staff temperature checks will be taken daily; isolation rooms will be designated.
6. NYS is urging schools to continue current standards-based model of instruction providing equity for all students.
7. The plans/choices for reopening will be presented to the families within the next week or so.
8. Main method of instruction delivery will be **live (not pre-recorded)** instruction, whether remotely or on-site.
9. We will use technology known as " SWIVL" which allows for students to experience live-streaming while in remote setting. All sessions will be recorded for easy access for future retrieval.
10. All students will learn remotely on Mondays and families will be given a choice of two-day on-site instruction: Tuesday/Wednesday or Thursday/Friday.
11. In addition, families may choose a 5-day remote schedule.
12. Baseline assessing will be given priority for all students, as well as anchor standards' focus as the initial order of business once school opens.

The Committee agreed that this was a well thought-out plan and, especially under these emergency circumstances, will deliver the best plan for instruction delivery and accommodation for families.

Questions and planning is occurring regarding staff members who have medical concerns and are at high risk to be on-site at school.

Next meeting will include discussion of busing, teacher PD, student registration, and Dashboard data.

III. Other Business

A. NYSED Annual Report, Enrollment, Seat Count Updates

Annual report for NYSED is being compiled and developed and submitted by month's end.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Kerr