

APPROVED



Brighter Choice Charter Schools

Minutes

Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday March 12, 2020 at 8:30 AM

Location

250 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12206

Committee Members Present

M. Snyder, T. Hanmer, Z. Nelson (remote)

Committee Members Absent

N. Maresca, N. Velilla, S. Wallace

Guests Present

K. Ford, K. Mclean, L. Licygiewicz, S. Jahn, Sheri Townsend, Exec. Director - Spotted Zebra, T. Stutsrim

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Snyder called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Brighter Choice Charter Schools to order on Thursday Mar 12, 2020 at 8:35 AM.

C. Approve Minutes from February 13, 2020 Governance Committee meeting

Tabled due to no quorum present.

D. Approve Minutes from February 13, 2020 Executive Session

Tabled due to no quorum present.

II. Governance

A. Charter Renewal(s)

M. Snyder will reach out to Dan Pasek to request a timeline for deliverables and a draft of the narrative text required for this process.

Laura Hill, from SED, will visit the schools during the week of March 16, 2020.

B. Grant Application/Support

Marcy Stryker will be invited to an upcoming meeting to discuss:

- * Priority areas (will be set by Principals in anticipation of this meeting.)
- * The schools' plan for fiscal management and reporting of any awarded grant funds
- * Next steps

C. Enrollment of SWD

Sheri Townsend shared information regarding the different models for the education of SWD and answered questions regarding her recommendations. She also shared that her school is also experiencing difficulty in finding qualified SpEd teachers.

This topic will be revisited on an on-going basis.

D. Strategic Planning / Board Development

T. Stutsrim shared the Success Plan from Board on Track. A work meeting will be scheduled for later in the month. Trustees will be asked to review the list of goals to determine which are priorities and which are not applicable.

E. Coronavirus Pandemic

L. Licygiewicz will draft a document explaining the schools' plan(s) for any potential school closures due to this pandemic.

Principals will continue to communicate any decisions to Board Trustees, staff and parents.

Child Nutrition guidelines allow for the continued distribution of meals in the event of school closures. L. Licygiewicz will reach out to Revolution Foods to discuss their plan.

III. Closing Items

A. Future Agenda Items

- * Approval of March minutes (2 versions)
- * Charter Renewal
- * Grants
- * Board Goals / Strategic Planning
- * Legal services provider?
- * SY 2020-2021 calendars?

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Z. Nelson

Documents used during the meeting

- Brighter Choice. Success Plan. FEB2020.pdf
- tips for holding board members accountable.docx
- How Do I Get My Board Members More Engaged.docx
- How to Keep Strong Board Members Engaged.docx
- BC Board of Trustees Assessment Results and Recommendations.docx
- Charter School Governance Amid Pandemic.pdf