

APPROVED



Brighter Choice Charter Schools

Minutes

Governance Committee Meeting

Remote due to Covid19 closure

Date and Time

Thursday April 9, 2020 at 8:30 AM

Location

Pursuant to Governor Executive Order No. 202.1 issued 3/13/2020, the Open Meetings Law requirements for school board meetings have been temporarily modified, for through April 11, 2020, as such: "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public inperson access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed."

Committee Members Present

M. Snyder (remote), N. Maresca (remote), N. Velilla (remote), R. McLaughlin (remote), T. Hanmer (remote), Z. Nelson (remote)

Committee Members Absent

S. Wallace

Guests Present

K. Ford (remote), K. Mclean (remote), L. Licygiewicz (remote), S. Jahn (remote), T. Stutsrim (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Snyder called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Brighter Choice Charter Schools to order on Thursday Apr 9, 2020 at 8:31 AM.

C. Approve Minutes from the March 25, 2020 Governance Committee meeting

T. Hanmer made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Committee Meeting on 03-25-20.

Z. Nelson seconded the motion.

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

II. Governance

A. Renewal

K. Mclean reports that the Principals have heard from D. Pasek and expect to receive further information from him re: renewal, by next week.

B. Covid-19 Closure - report

Currently, the schools are closed through 4/29 as directed by NYS government.

BCB - K. Mclean reported:

- * How remote instruction is organized, participation data, and family contacts efforts by all teachers,

- * Paper packets have been created for the additional weeks of closure. Packets are now more standardized and those for ENL and SWD have been modified, as necessary

- * Teachers are in contact with parent(s)/guardians to determine any areas that might need re-teaching and are creating on-line videos to re-teach these concepts.

- * On-line remote sessions are observed by one of the Administrative staff and feedback is given to teachers, in the same usual manner.

- * She will survey families to determine if equipment is needed to enable scholars to participate in remote instruction.

BCG - K. Ford reported:

- * How remote instruction is organized, participation data, and family contacts efforts by all teachers,

- * Paper packets have been created for the additional weeks of closure. Packets for ENL and SWD have been modified, as necessary

- * All teachers continue to track participation in remote sessions.

Teachers continue to use Zoom but use passwords to others are not able to access the sessions.

District-wide - Meal distribution from BC has been discontinued and is occurring through the scholars' home districts of residence. Information was sent to families re: how to receive these meals.

Scholar Technology needs were discussed and then discussed in greater length at today's Academic Committee meeting.

C. Grants

M. Snyder has a phone call scheduled with M. Stryker in order to identify priorities for grant monies. She will identify technology and Summer 2020 instruction as the top two areas at this time.

She will also let M. Stryker know that S. Jahn is the point person for any needed information from the school.

D. Summer 2020 Instruction

The Principals have begun to consider how to best plan for a Summer 2020 instructional program:

- * which scholars? which grade levels
- * schedule - dates and daily schedule
- * staff needed, etc.

They will discuss their needs, along with a budget, with S. Jahn. It was also mentioned that meals and transportation costs will arise.

E. K Mclean's upcoming Leave

Jillian Sherman, the Assistant Principal, will act as Principal during K. Mclean's leave. She will be invited to the next Board of Trustees meeting. K. Mclean expects to return in July, 2020.

III. 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 9:17 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Z. Nelson