



Brighter Choice Charter Schools

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday July 16, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Location

Remote due to covid-19 closure

Trustees Present

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

Trustees Absent

S. Wallace

Guests Present

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

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Snyder called a meeting of the board of trustees of Brighter Choice Charter Schools to order on Thursday Jul 16, 2020 at 9:07 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

N. Velilla made a motion to approve the minutes from Annual Board Meeting on 06-30-20.

Z. Nelson seconded the motion.

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

II. Academic Policy

A. BCCSB - Discipline Policy

Luke Licygiewicz reported that the disciplinary policy was nearly ready for publication.

T. Hanmer made a motion to accept the BCCSB Discipline Policy, contingent upon Mr. Licygiewicz's addition of a few edits suggested by Ms. Hanmer.

N. Velilla seconded the motion.

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

B. Principal's report - BCCSB

Karen Mclean reported:

Summer School:

Only 24 enrolled, and absenteeism has been high, around 25%. Consequently, the lessons for incoming second and third graders and incoming fourth and fifth graders have been combined. The scholars who have committed to the program are actively engaged.

The focus has been on shoring up areas of weakness in mathematics and ELA that were identified during the 2019-20 school year. A progress monitoring online tool maintained by the teachers is shared with Ms. Mclean each week and is providing insights into remote learning that should be useful in planning for remote instruction that may be needed in the fall.

Fall enrollment:

Currently stands at 284; the goal is 309. Because of pandemic, the school has not been able to host or be present at traditional summer events that usually attract families. Ms. Mclean stressed the importance of constant presence on FaceBook and other social media, but noted that all the other charter schools are there, as well.

Staffing:

Ms. Mclean reported on changes in boys' staffing: a fourth grade writing teacher, a third grade ELA teacher, a SPED teacher, and a science teacher resigned, and a second SPED teacher's contract was not renewed. She is not planning to replace the science teacher this fall, but will be hiring for the other positions.

C. Principal's Report - BCCSG

Kristina Ford reported:

Summer School:

35 students enrolled in the girls' summer school program, 29 have been faithful attendees. The original enrollment was 8 second graders, 8 third graders, and 13 students in a combined fourth/fifth program. The teachers share progress through Google sheets, and Ms. Ford has been visiting classrooms remotely, which has been helpful as she thinks about fall teacher training for remote learning.

Fall Enrollment:

Fall enrollment at the girls' school is currently 295, with 36 pending. Those 36 have been targeted with aggressive follow-up. The school has continued radio ads, bus ads, and social media. Ms. Snyder suggested that the narrative in the ads contain targeted messages about the schools during the pandemic (1:1 Chromebook program, for example) and emphasize single gender classrooms.

Staffing:

Ms. Ford reported that her staffing is nearly complete and will be when she hires a new SPED teacher in the next few days.

III. Finance

A. Budget for SY 2020-2021

At the next meeting Mr. Jahn will present the proposed budget for 2020-2021. Enrollment is the biggest concern at this point, and if the shortfall remains, will have serious budget implications.

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 9:33 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Z. Nelson