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Brighter Choice Charter Schools

Minutes

Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday May 13, 2021 at 8:30 AM

Committee Members Present

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

Committee Members Absent

N. Velilla

Guests Present

Aerielle Morton (remote), K. Ford (remote), K. Mclean (remote), L. Licygiewicz (remote), Meaghan Balling (remote), P. Romain (remote), S. Jahn (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 May 13, 2021 at 8:33 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

II. Governance

A. Grant Update

The submission of the grant proposal to the Network is expected tomorrow. The grant writing process was smooth and the request focuses on learning loss over the past year.

B. BCCS Draft Pay Scale

The Board discussed a revised pay scale that is more closely aligned to local district pay scales. The board discussed the differences between Masters level and Bachelors level education and retention with regard to salary steps as well as demonstrated success and additional qualifications.

C. BCCS-B Update

K. McLean reported updates in regard to enrollment and remote and in-school instruction, as well as benchmarks in reading and progress toward success on the NYS exams. Scholars are increasingly coming back to in-person learning. Next year's enrollment is increasing, but is not yet to our budgeted numbers. The number of scholars who are not returning is greater than previous years, many of whom are moving.

K. McLean reported where the Boys' school is in terms of summer school planning. K. McLean reported what the criteria are for scholars to attend, and what the ELA and Math summer instruction will look like.

A. Morton, instructional coach, reported the March STEP data and outlined the intervention that is happening to address achievement gaps among scholars.

K. McLean also reported on the school culture activities that are going very well in engaging scholars in a positive school culture to increase belonging."

D. BCCS-G Update

K. Ford reported on current enrollment and pending enrollment for the coming school year. The current total is close to the budgeted enrollment levels. Several scholars are moving out of state and are not re-registering.

K. Ford reported similar preparations for the summer academic program and how the Math and ELA state exams went. The final academic benchmarking will occur in the beginning of June. K. Ford also reported on the progress of scholars on Lexia reading levels that have shown improvement.

K. Ford reported what the schools will use their CRSSA (Coronavirus relief funding) allocations, including free summer school or camp for 3 summers, 2 years of free after school programs and upgrades to the HVAC systems. These will be upgrades and offerings for both Boys and Girls schools. K. Ford also reported what the American Rescue Plan funding will be used for.

K. Ford introduced Meaghan Balling as the new Assistant Principal, formerly Instructional Coach, who spoke about her past and future roles.

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 10:02 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Snyder