

APPROVED



Brighter Choice Charter Schools

Minutes

Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday August 10, 2023 at 8:30 AM

Location

250 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12206

Committee Members Present

K. Ford, L. Licygiewicz (remote), M. Snyder (remote), R. McLaughlin, T. Hanmer, Z. Nelson

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

Karen M (remote), Paul Augello

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Z. Nelson called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Brighter Choice Charter Schools to order on Thursday Aug 10, 2023 at 8:32 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

T. Hanmer made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Committee Meeting on 07-13-23.

R. McLaughlin seconded the motion.

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

II. Governance

A. BCCS- Girls Snapshot

Kristina provided an update on staffing, PD and preparation for the upcoming school year. Carol Morrison joined to discuss enrollment status. The current pending enrollment is 303 with possible total of 333 (budget is 330)

K. Ford reported on a quick overview of enrollment and upcoming staffing additions, including successful hiring of new 1st grade teachers. She reported on fall key dates as school approaches.

B. BCCS- Boys Snapshot

K. McLean discussed enrollment and staffing. Regarding enrollment, the scholars who have left have all left the school because their families have moved. Ms. Morrison the enrollment coordinator will provide an update on the upcoming year.

L. McLean reported on staffing as well as academic programming updates. She also reported that chronic absenteeism, while still high, is declining.

K. McLean reported the important dates for the fall.

Karen provided an update on staffing, PD and preparation for the upcoming school year. Carol Morrison joined to discuss enrollment status. The current pending enrollment is 220 with possible total of 240 (budgeted 270). The board discussed implications for staffing and budget.

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C. Board Solicitation Letter

D. Executive Session

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 9:19 AM.

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