

APPROVED



Brighter Choice Charter Schools

Minutes

Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday January 11, 2024 at 8:30 AM

Location

250 Central Avenue, Albany, NY

Committee Members Present

K. Ford, K. Mclean (remote), L. Licygiewicz, M. Snyder (remote), N. Velilla, T. Hanmer, Z. Nelson

Committee Members Absent

R. McLaughlin

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 Jan 11, 2024 at 8:40 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

T. Hanmer made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Committee Meeting on 12-14-23.

N. Velilla seconded the motion.

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

II. Governance

A. Introductions: Potential New Board Member (Noah Clement)

Paperwork should be in for Noah Clement in February and the board will vote on his addition to the Board.

B. BCCS- Girls Snapshot

K. Ford reported on current enrollment, special populations enrollment, staffing and hiring. Events included a visit from an all-girls high school from Brooklyn. The schools earned a Food Bank grant, and formed a partnership with HVCC.

K. Ford reported there were no covid cases this month.

K. Ford reported that overall on NYS exams the school is performing closer to pre-pandemic scores. She reported the school's ranking in the district which has improved in ELA. In Math, the school is also making progress and this is the highest performing year since 2018. She discussed where the instruction will be focused on moving into this year's testing.

C. BCCS- Boys Snapshot

K. McLean reported on enrollment, with 4 pending enrollments as well as staffing. She reported that the Boys' school outperformed the district and statewide average in Math (and the girls' in ELA). BCCS-B 4th graders ranked 2nd in the district and other classes are moving towards our goals.

The board discussed strategic planning for staff retention purposes.

There was 1 covid case last month.

D. Desk Audit Update/Discussion- Karen, Kristina, Luke

L. Licygiewicz reported on the status on the desk audit required by NYS with regard to how the (ARP) American Rescue Plan funding was spent.

The schools will continue to collect information to be compliant when the portal opens.

E. PEO Update

L. Licygiewicz reported that there are no significant updates and he may have numbers for review in February.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

T. Hanmer made a motion to adjourn.

N. Velilla seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Z. Nelson