

APPROVED



Brighter Choice Charter Schools

Minutes

Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday March 14, 2024 at 8:30 AM

Location

BCCS-Boys 116 North Lake Ave, Albany NY

Committee Members Present

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

Committee Members Absent

N. Velilla

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 Mar 14, 2024 at 8:31 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

T. Hanmer made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Committee Meeting on 02-08-24.

R. McLaughlin seconded the motion.

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

II. Governance

A. BCCS-G Report

L. Licygiewicz discussed an incident of a broken window and the followup with APD.

K. Ford discussed enrollment, including three who dis-enrolled due to transportation and other issues. She reported on the specials population as well as the transition to online registration. New applications include 49 new scholars. K. Ford reported on the iReady growth for each cohort. The Girls' School is fully staffed and each K class has two instructors. The ESSA desk review has been submitted. New COVID guidance is being followed. The application for summer programming funding from the Foundation is going through the process. There is an opportunity for overnight summer camp in CT and the Brighter Choice Foundation will pay for half of the fees. We are pricing out what we will be able to pay for both summer camp experiences (on our campus and sleepaway).

B. BCCS-B report

K. McLean reported on enrollment of 241, including two dis-enrollments and specials population. There are 11% of scholars with IEPs. Looking at the next school year the Boys school will do re-registration on paper forms and 28 new applications. K. McLean reported on staffing levels including a positive experience with a TA in Kindergarten. COVID requirements and protocols have been updated to reflect CDC guidance. The summer program application is moving forward. Mr. L was given appreciation for outstanding performance during this year's transitions and challenges. K. McLean reported that Ms. Winfrey has been doing a wonderful job as well. K. McLean reported on growth in I-ready reading diagnostics moving in the right direction. Chronic absenteeism is improving as well due to actions taken by the school.

C. Board Recruitment update

The board has agreed to pursue new members and invite them to the April board meeting.

D. Summer Grant update

Updates were provided during the leader updates.

E. School Calendar- '24-'25

First two days of K camp are Aug 29-30th

Tuesday after Labor day is the official first day of school. Next year we built the calendar around 188 school days with June 27 as the last day of school.

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 9:22 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Z. Nelson

T. Hanmer made a motion to adjourn.

R. McLaughlin seconded the motion.

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