

APPROVED



Brighter Choice Charter Schools

Minutes

Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday April 11, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Location

250 Central Ave. Albany, NY

Committee Members Present

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

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

N. Clement

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 Apr 11, 2024 at 9:07 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

N. Velilla made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Committee Meeting on 03-14-24.

T. Hanmer seconded the motion.

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

II. Governance

A. BCCS-G Report

L. Licygiewicz reported on enrollment in the girls' school. Both the boys and girls school teachers have received surveys about their interest in returning to teach in their same positions, something different, or not returning.

B. BCCS-B report

K. McLean reported that current enrollment is 241 and special populations has increased. For next year the number of re-registered scholars has remained the same. Ms. Morrisson is following up with accepted scholars. No one has yet completed all enrollment requirements. There is no waiting list for any grade at this time. There are many strategies to address enrollment but the board recognizes the urgency of increasing enrollment. The school is approaching the limit of uncertified teachers. The summer school grant proposal is going to be submitted this Friday.

The SED site visits will be May 21-22, 2024. K. McLean has returned April 8th for a hybrid schedule and full time May. K. McLean reported on great educational activities. The Boys' school feels ready to go on 5th grade testing that will be all electronic.

C. Health Insurance Update

L. Licygiewicz reported that the plan that we currently have will go up 13%. Paul actually budgeted for that but that budgeted number is what we have saved for the Teachers' HSA.

There are options, including not contributing to the HSA this year. The premiums have remained the same and low for 10 years. M. Snyder asked for a run through of the various trade offs of different options from the broker. The preference would be for none of the cost to be shifted to the staff while maintaining the strength of the budget. There will be a presentation to the finance committee or full board when the options are solidified.

D. Caminio Nuevo Update

The methadone clinic was supposed to move, however, financing fell through due to opposition from other business leaders. There continue to be incidents in front of the Girls' school. The board discussed the best approach to re-invigorating our opposition to the clinic in this proximity to the 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 9:52 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Z. Nelson