

APPROVED



Brighter Choice Charter Schools

Minutes

Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday May 9, 2024 at 8:30 AM

Location

250 Central Ave., Albany, NY

Committee Members Present

K. Ford, K. Mclean, L. Licygiewicz, M. Snyder (remote), N. Velilla, T. Hanmer (remote), 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 May 9, 2024 at 8:30 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

N. Velilla made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Committee Meeting on 04-11-24.

T. Hanmer seconded the motion.

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

II. Governance

A. BCCS-G Report

K. Ford is now following a similar trend in terms of current enrollment as the Boys' school, losing several scholars to other states and regions. One scholar had an IEP and that dropped the total percentage of scholars with services. K. Ford reported that the girls have been slower to re-register in the new process (Power School). The focus has to be on Kindergarten classes. There will be larger classes in the upper levels.

K. Ford reported on academic updates, benchmarking, and Midterm site visit from NYSED.

She reported staffing updates and staff appreciation day and other school-wide events.

B. BCCS-B report

K. McLean discussed the enrollment for the Boys school in the coming year. The board discussed ways to add actions to enrollment, recruitment role that is embedded in the community. Are there bussing options for Cohoes and Watervliet. The board requested a further meeting about right sizing the school at all enrollment levels.

A stipend may be made available for families/community members who can assist enrollment growth.

There has been staff turnover recently and K. McLean is filling in the gaps.

Power School is up and running and families are uploading documents.

Staff appreciation week is this week.

Mother/son dance was a success.

Diagnostic testing for scholars is occurring this month.

Metropolitan camp registration is going well.

A budget conversation is required to look at different staffing models depending on enrollment.

C. Health Insurance Update

L. Licygiewicz reported on the choices the board had discussed during the last meeting. The board would like one final conversation with Paul Augello regarding the budget impacts as well as the impacts on individuals.

D. NYSED Visit Updates

The NYS Education Department will be visiting the schools for a mid-year check in on May 21-22.

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 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Z. Nelson