

Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School

Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday November 17, 2020 at 6:00 PM EST

Location

82 Lewis Avenue,
Brooklyn NY 11206

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			6:00 PM
Opening Items			
A. Record Attendance and Guests		Victor Rivera	1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Victor Rivera	1 m
C. Review of the minutes	Discuss	Victor Rivera	4 m
D. Vote to approve minutes	Approve Minutes	Victor Rivera	1 m
II. Academic and Family Life Committee			6:07 PM
A. Committee Update	FYI	Cecelia Russo	15 m
III. Governance Committee			6:22 PM
A. Committee Update	FYI	Doris Givens	15 m
IV. Finance Committee			6:37 PM
A. Committee Update	Vote	Tyler McConnell	20 m
V. Development			6:57 PM
A. Committee's Update	FYI	Tamikka Pate	10 m
VI. New and Old Business			7:07 PM
A. New Business	Discuss	Victor Rivera	5 m
B. Old Business	Discuss	Victor Rivera	5 m
VII. Public Comments			7:17 PM

A. Public comments	FYI	Victor Rivera	5 m
VIII. Closing Items			7:22 PM
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Victor Rivera	1 m

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Committee Update

Section: II. Academic and Family Life Committee
Item: A. Committee Update
Purpose: FYI
Submitted by:
Related Material: Nov 9 Academic Com minutes.pdf
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BSNBCS Academic/ Family Life Committee Call

November 9, 2020

Board members- Leticia Greene, Kevin Nesbitt,
Cecelia M. Russo Chair

HSMT Nicholas Tishuk, EXD, Patience Brown, principal.
Elisabeth Young, Family & Community Engagement

Agenda-

1. Update on Staffing: all on board with philosophy, academics of school
Patience commented that though daily instruction is doing well she feels that she is the principal of 2 schools-an onsite school, a remote instruction school.
She and staff are handling the balancing and all students are progressing
2. all communication to students/parents is sent in English and Spanish. Elisabeth is communicating by phone to parents with concerns; teachers also make calls to student's homes. Portals like Class JO-JO have been presented to the parents and Elisabeth is readily available to assist.
Communication is relevant to student's grade level; academic needs, family concerns, Social & Emotional concerns; health concerns; prep for high school for 8th graders, prep for NYS tests for 3 to 8 grades, other areas of concern of students, parents, staff. There is constant communication with our special needs population to keep them updated as to their IEP requirements. We will continue to keep this population in our committee discussions and advise the Board of results, concerns.
3. SMT is confident that all students are technologically equipped/ prepared to learn either remotely or in-person. This is true of our special needs population as well.
Since survey, many have opted from remote instruction to in-person. Those who didn't respond to survey were called. We do not have hybrid instruction
4. First quarter ends November 20th -staff prepared for changes of students as to learning method;
Second Quarter begins Nov 30th to Feb 16th;
5. Family Engagement update- encouraging parents to be involved. Virtual methods are discussed by staff and some have been implemented/ Google Meets. Elisabeth with support of Patience, Nick and rest of staff will keep the Board updated. All Board members are encouraged to view the school website, also Board on Track. Though the school welcomes any Board member in this time of pandemic it is feasible to contact the school first
6. Nick advise us that the school is constantly being cleaned and doing the best to provide a safe environment for all.

Committee is open for any concerns/ suggestions from any Board member/ staff/ parent.
Tentative next call Dec 3, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Cecelia M. Russo, chair
November 9, 2020



This message was sent by Elisabeth Young. Use eyoung@bsnbc.org to reply to this email.

Eight Grade Families Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year!

High School Admissions Timeline

COVID-19 has had a profound impact across every aspect of our school system, including the admissions process. As a result, we're updating our pre-pandemic admissions timeline to ensure time for families to explore schools and apply once the application launches.

Please note:

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- Families and school staff will have additional time to apply.

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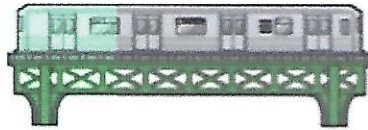
Dates and locations for the high school fairs, the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT), and LaGuardia High School auditions—as listed in the 2021 NYC High School and High Schools Admissions Guide—**will also change.**

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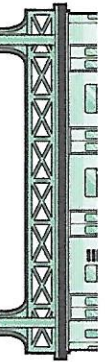
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**BEDFORD STUYVESANT
NEW BEGINNINGS
CHARTER SCHOOL**

BSNBCS School Calendar 2020-2021 UPDATED

August	January
24- First Day of School grades K-8	4-Jan School Returns
	18-Jan MLK Day, School Closed
September	19-Jan Staff Training, School Closed
7-Sept Labor Day, School Closed	February
October	13-21 Feb Mid-Winter Break, School Closed
9-Oct Staff Training, School Closed	22-Feb School Returns
12-Oct Indigenous People's Day, School Closed	March
November	25 Mar-2 Apr Spring Break, School Closed
3-Nov Election Day, School Closed	April
11-Nov Veteran's Day, School Closed	5 Apr School Returns
23-24 Nov Parent Teacher Conferences	20-Apr NYS ELA Exam Day 1 (grades 3-8)
25-27 Thanksgiving Break, School Closed	21-Apr NYS ELA Exam Day 2 (grades 3-8)
December	May
24 Dec-3 Jan Winter Break, School Closed	4-May NYS Math Exam Day 1 (grades 3-8)
Notes:	5-May NYS Math Exam Day 1 (grades 3-8)
	31-May Memorial Day, School Closed
	June
	3-Jun Brooklyn-Queens Day, School Closed
	25-Jun Last Day of School



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SPIRIT DAY

K-8

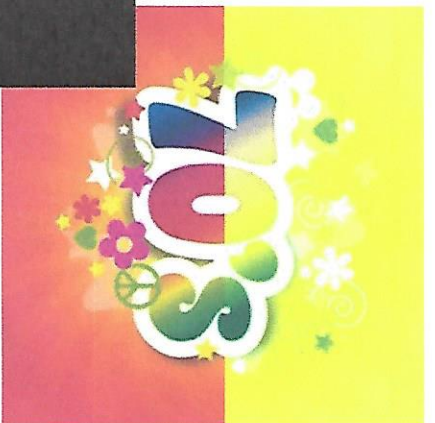
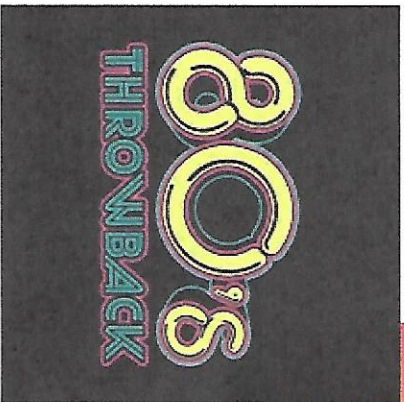
Throwback to 70's, 80's
and 90's

Friday, November 20nd

Día de orgullo

K-8

Día de ropa de las
décadas 70s, 80s y 90s
Viernes 20 de noviembre



Students need to wear uniforms if they do not wish to participate in Spirit Day

Hay que estar un uniforme si no quiere vestirse según el día de orgullo

Questions? Call 718-453-1001 * Preguntas? Llame al 718-453-1001

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Familias de octavo grado ¡Bienvenidos al año escolar 2020-2021!

Cronograma de admisiones a highschool

COVID-19 ha tenido un impacto profundo en todos los aspectos de nuestro sistema escolar, incluido el proceso de admisión. Como resultado, estamos actualizando nuestro cronograma de admisiones antes de la pandemia para garantizar que las familias tengan suficiente tiempo para explorar las escuelas y presentar una solicitud una vez que se lance la solicitud.

Tenga en cuenta:

(1) La solicitud para la escuela secundaria aún no está abierta y ya no cierra el 4 de diciembre de 2020.

Las familias y el personal de la escuela tendrán tiempo adicional para presentar la solicitud.

(2) Inscripción para la Prueba de Admisión a Escuelas Secundarias Especializadas (SHSAT) y LaGuardia

Las audiciones de la escuela secundaria aún no están abiertas y ya no cierran el 21 de octubre de 2020.

Las familias y el personal de la escuela tendrán tiempo adicional para registrarse.

También cambiarán las fechas y lugares para las ferias de escuelas secundarias, el Examen de admisión a escuelas secundarias especializadas (SHSAT) y las audiciones de la Escuela secundaria LaGuardia, que se enumeran en la Guía de admisiones de escuelas secundarias especializadas y escuelas secundarias de NYC 2021.

Sitios web valiosos:

(1). Explore las opciones escolares en línea del directorio de escuelas secundarias de MySchools.

(2). Puede acceder a la Guía de ingreso a la escuela secundaria 2021 en schools.nyc.gov/high

(3). Directorio de escuelas secundarias en línea que permite búsquedas

(4). La información sobre admisiones para las escuelas secundarias especializadas se encuentra en schools.nyc.gov/SHS.

(5). Videos para postularse a escuelas secundarias en la ciudad de Nueva York en schools.nyc.gov/HSVideos

*** Las fechas aún deben ser determinadas por NYCDOE. Se le actualizará periódicamente sobre el proceso de la escuela secundaria. ***

File(s):

[8th Grade Parent Info. \(2020-2021\). \(1\).pdf](#)

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Committee Update

Section: III. Governance Committee
Item: A. Committee Update
Purpose: FYI
Submitted by:
Related Material: BSNBCSCCommitteeGoalsDraft2020-21v2.pdf
GovernanceCommitteeUpdate11052020.pdf

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Board of Trustees' Committee Goals

DRAFT As of November 12, 2020

Chair Goals

- Improve knowledge of Opening Meeting Law across board
- Succession Planning (Board and Staff)

Governance Committee Goals for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

Goal 1: Establish an ongoing pipeline of potential Board of Trustee recruits, with the aim to 1) expand the board from nine (9) to eleven (11) fully-engaged members by June 2021 and 2) strengthen the Board's commitment and expertise in Development, Human Resources, Finance, Governance and Facilities.

- Advertise for board candidates, develop a list of referral sources, and reach out to current board members, to see who they know that might fit the skills, qualities, diversity, and monthly voluntary commitment needed. Develop as a list of potential candidates by Nov 30.
- Screen and develop a candidate list of at least four (4) interested candidates by Jan 30.
- Invite high potential trustee candidates to serve on a committee for three-six months as a trial run (Feb -May).
- Nominate and vote to elect two (2) new board trustees in June 2021

Goal 2: Advance the Board's overall maturity in Governance by June 2021 from Level 2 (Emerging)/Level 3 (Intermediate) to Level 4 and 5 with a focus on strengthening board orientation, engagement, development, goal setting and accountability.

- Post every committee's 2-3 top goals for the year
- Gain consensus around the goals
- Achieve goals yearly meeting plan for board and all committees
- Secure Board and Committee meeting feedback outlined by every committee
- Improve annual Executive Director Evaluation Tool

Finance Committee Goals for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

- Goal 1: Schedule a presentation before March 2021 on how to read a charter school financial statement to strengthen the Board's understanding of the school's financial health and to further support financial decisions.
- Goal 2: In coordination with the CFO, review financial scenarios to create a better understanding of the school's financial needs and capacity to take on future strategic initiatives. Complete the review by the end of the fiscal year.
- Goal 3: Review the progress of the budget as of December 2020 and March 2021 to serve as an early indicator of progress toward the approved budget and to engage the Board for support in a timely manner.

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Board of Trustees' Committee Goals

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Academic Committee Goals for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

- Goal 1: Provide oversight for school's opening plan August 24, 2020: Engage in regular dialogue with school leadership. Discuss updates, pose questions, identify areas of strength, and growth for academics and family engagement. Began week of August 3rd, continuing
- Goal 2: Support transition to remote learning for staff/students/parents. Discuss learning protocols in place-remote, in-person-discussing Department of Health cleaning protocols. Regularly communicating with school leadership with guidance from NYS, NYC, NYCDOE protocols. This is ongoing since August.
- Goal 3: Continue specific focus on academic, social/emotional concerns needs of the Special Needs Population. Monitor communication with the Special Needs students/parents and provide any suggestions to school leadership to support this population.
- Goal 4: Support families for financial wellness. Discussion of the creation of a financial wellness program to assist our families during these challenging times of the 2020 pandemic.

Development Committee Goals for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

- Goal 1: Executive Board event on May 18th, 2021. Increase school's base of support by fund/friend raising- identifying individuals, organizations and businesses with school to support its vision and programming
- Goal 2: Create direct donation button on BSNBCS website for credit card donations, Identify specific programs, online platforms and initiatives where Trustees can support small dollar fundraising for the school.
- Goal 3: Provide Board training for development activities and skills.

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Governance Committee

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2020 **Time:** 4PM, Conference Call

Attendees: Doris Givens, Victor Rivera, Joseph Sciame, Nicholas Tishuk

Accomplishments

1. Secured and posted [signed Board Trustee agreements](#) for 2020-21 on Board on Track website.
2. Reviewed, discussed, and revised Governance Committee SMART goals.
3. Reviewed all Committee goals submitted to date. (See attached draft)

Priorities

1. Complete the addition of all [Board Trustee Profiles](#). (Trustees, Nick)
2. Post finalized committee descriptions and goals with timelines on BOT (Doris)
3. Review, select and solicit high potential trustee prospects with an aim to secure four solid prospects for committee appointments.

Challenges

1. Establish a healthy pipeline of future board candidates by appointing them to committees and special projects (Doris and Nick)
2. Retain, recruit, and orientate new board trustees. (Nick, Doris, Victor)
3. Encourage timely delivery of monthly Board packet materials and RSVPs. (Victor)

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Committee Update

Section: IV. Finance Committee
Item: A. Committee Update
Purpose: Vote
Submitted by:
Related Material: Fin Comm Call Notes - November 12 2020.pdf

**NOTES FROM THE CALL OF
THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE
BEDFORD-STUYVESANT NEW BEGINNINGS CHARTER SCHOOL
HELD ON NOVEMBER 15, 2020**

November 17, 2020

Members: T. McConnell (Chair), P. Bramwell, D. Givens
Invitees: L-R. Brown

The call began at 6:26 p.m.

MONTHLY REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS

The Committee reviewed the bank account statements and check activity for the month of October. No issues were found.

Ms. Brown identified another payment made for the kitchen supplies that completes the transition to a School Food Authority.

Ms. Brown notified the Committee that the per pupil payment was made with no reduction in per pupil funding at this time.

No material expenditures or credits, outside of ordinary monthly operating sums, were expected within the next 30 days.

2020-2021 ENROLLMENT

Total enrollment of 720 includes both virtual and in-school students. Total students are above budget of 690. The Committee was advised that stable enrollment is still in flux.

PPP ACCOUNT

Ms. Brown reported the PPP account was transferred to the Main Account. We have ten months from May 2020 to make our disbursements and submit our PPP forgiveness application.

PKF completed work on the PPP forgiveness application, which is undergoing internal partner review before the final application is sent to the school for submission.

DECEMBER MEETING

The next Committee call will be on December 10, 2020.

The call concluded at 6:59 p.m.

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Committee's Update

Section: V. Development
Item: A. Committee's Update
Purpose: FYI
Submitted by:
Related Material: Donation Button Paypal bsnbcs.org.pdf



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