

Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School

Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday June 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM EDT

Location

Meeting is open to the public.

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. Approve 5-17-22 Minutes	Approve Minutes	Victor Rivera	3 m
D. Approve 5-24-22 Minutes	Approve Minutes	Victor Rivera	3 m
II. Academic and Family Life Committee			6:08 PM
A. Committee Update	FYI	Cecelia Russo	10 m
III. Governance Committee			6:18 PM
A. Committee Update	Discuss	Doris Givens	10 m

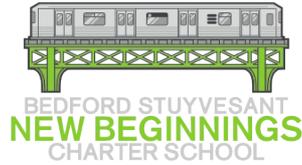
	Purpose	Presenter	Time
IV. Finance Committee			6:28 PM
A. Finance Committee Update	Discuss	Doris Givens	10 m
V. Public Comments			6:38 PM
A. Public comments	FYI	Victor Rivera	5 m
VI. Closing Items			6:43 PM
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Victor Rivera	1 m

Coversheet

Approve 5-17-22 Minutes

Section: I. Opening Items
Item: C. Approve 5-17-22 Minutes
Purpose: Approve Minutes
Submitted by:
Related Material: Minutes for Monthly Special Board Meeting on May 17, 2022

APPROVED



Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School

Minutes

Monthly Special Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday May 17, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Location

Meeting is open to the public

Trustees Present

Cecelia Russo, Doris Givens, Josue De Paz, Mikhael Edouard

Trustees Absent

Joseph Sciame, Kevin Nesbitt, Victor Rivera

Ex Officio Members Present

Nicholas Tishuk

Non Voting Members Present

Nicholas Tishuk

Guests Present

Cynthia Aker, Shawn Carson

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

Cecelia Russo called a meeting of the board of trustees of Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School to order on Tuesday May 17, 2022 at 6:15 PM.

II. Civil Rights Practicum

A. Discussion on Project Based and Experiential Learning Model at BSNBCS

Nicholas Tishuk presented on the upcoming Civil Rights Practicum that BSNBCS students and staff would be participating in May and June, Summer 2022 and during the 2022-23 school year. He summarized and answered questions about the following events:

The other members of BSNBCS SMT-Principal and CFO are on board. The staff has been informed and are also on board incorporating into the social studies lessons.

On Tuesday, May 24th members of the Freedom Riders will present to the students at an assembly.

The Board members present asked questions about participation and recommended that a vote be taken for full incorporation at the May 24th meeting.

Bed Stuy New Beginnings students are participating in a celebration of the 1961 Freedom Rides (60th* anniversary rescheduled from last year due to the pandemic) via several events, projects across the United States, as a part to its ongoing commitment to civil rights and youth activism.

Tuesday, May 24th: Freedom Riders Lewis Zuchman and Luvaugh Brown will visit BSNBCS. to meet with students and staff. They they will discuss their experiences and learn more about our students, to kick off this collaboration.

June 15th-June 19th: Freedom 60 Reunion in San Diego: A BSNBCS group of students will then travel to San Diego, California to participate in the Freedom 60 Reunion, with the remaining surviving Freedom Riders, and participate in 'intergenerational story circles', sharing their experience with their struggle for civil rights, modern challenges to youth of color and to forging an intergenerational exchange of knowledge and experience.

Wednesday, June 22nd: Play in New Jersey: A larger group of BSNBCS students will see the new play "Freedom Rider", in New Brunswick, NJ at the Crossroads Theater Company.

Sunday, August 7th-August 13th Civil Rights Tour of the South: BSNBCS students will join a group of NYC based non-profits in a Civil Rights Tour of the South, led by former US Assistant District Attorney Ron Silver. The tour will provide a hands-on, practical experience making stops in Atlanta, GA, Anniston/Oxford, Birmingham AL, Philadelphia,

MS and Jackson, MS. BSNBCS will be joined by representatives from the Supportive Children's Advocacy Network, Good Shepherd, Children's Village, the Union of Reform Judaism, Columbia University and several of the original 1961 Freedom Riders.

Early October 2022: Fall Youth Led Conference in NYC: Building on these previous experiences, youth participants will lead a conference on issues related to them in their lives, activism and connections to modern movements. Youth should lead the process in identifying workshops, topics and themes. NYC Freedom Riders will join and attend.

BSNBCS is seeking partners to support these efforts and bring these experiences of our young people to a wide audience. BSNBCS Executive Director and Freedom Rider Lewis Zuchman previously collaborated on the Freedom 50 conference, in Jackson, MS in 2011, which brought a busload of NYC students on a 9 day road trip across the South and experiences with their activist elders who make up the Freedom Riders. We seek to document this work with interviews, video, writing and community engagement around historical and contemporary civil rights issues.

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The Board members present asked questions about participation and recommended that a vote be taken for full incorporation at the May 24th meeting.

All Board members are encouraged to visit the school to observe "a day".

Review of April Board meeting minutes deferred to May 24th meeting.

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 7:00 PM.

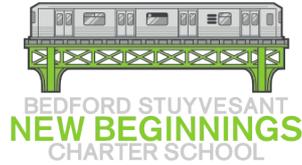
Respectfully Submitted,
Cecelia Russo

Coversheet

Approve 5-24-22 Minutes

Section: I. Opening Items
Item: D. Approve 5-24-22 Minutes
Purpose: Approve Minutes
Submitted by:
Related Material: Minutes for Monthly May Board Meeting on May 24, 2022

APPROVED



Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School

Minutes

Monthly May Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday May 24, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Location

82 Lewis Avenue

Trustees Present

Cecelia Russo, Doris Givens, Josue De Paz, Kevin Nesbitt, Mikhael Edouard, Victor Rivera

Trustees Absent

Joseph Sciamè

Ex Officio Members Present

Nicholas Tishuk

Non Voting Members Present

Nicholas Tishuk

Guests Present

Cynthia Aker, Lisa-Renée Brown, Patience Brown, Patricia Bramwell

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

Victor Rivera called a meeting of the board of trustees of Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School to order on Tuesday May 24, 2022 at 6:15 PM.

C. Approve 4-12-22 Minutes

Cecelia Russo made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting on 04-12-22.

Doris Givens seconded the motion.

Approved w/ corrections

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

II. Academic and Family Life Committee

A. Committee Update

Cecelia M. Russo asked all to review minutes of May 12 call. Correction to spelling of Mikhael Edouard's name noted and corrected. Minutes accepted.

Patience advised that there are many trips planned for the students until the end of the school year.

Career Day- June 1. Respond to Patience of availability asap.

Speaker for June 18 graduation is being finalized. Graduation is outside at 11 am at Medgar Evers College. All Board members are encouraged to attend.

A BBQ is planned for BSNBCS alumni on June 23,

B. Freedom Riders Project

In the absence of the EXD, Lisa Renee Brown, CFO, explained in more detail "Freedom Rider's Project. Two representatives were at the school to address the students May 24. A copy of the initiative had been to all Board members in a previous email from EXD. The school is already incorporating into curriculum as noted by Patience Brown, principal. The Board unanimously approved participation in the project.

III. Governance Committee

A. Committee Update

Doris Givens advised that terms of some Board members are, up as well as review of officers. Per chair, Victor Rivera, these will be addressed at the June 21st meeting.

IV. Finance Committee

A. Finance Committee Update

Doris Givens referred all to attached minutes of the 5/7/22 call. The 2022/2203 budget was presented and unanimously approved by Board Responding to input for further discussion, from Joseph Sciame and Mikhael Edouard, chair, Victor Rivera advised that a possible working group will be further discussed at the June 21, Board meeting.

V. Public Comments

A. Public comments

There were no public comments.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned 7:01PM

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cecelia Russo

Coversheet

Committee Update

Section: II. Academic and Family Life Committee
Item: A. Committee Update
Purpose: FYI
Submitted by:
Related Material: AFE June 16^J2022.pdf

BSNBCS Academic/ Family Life Committee Call

June 16, 2022

Board members- Joseph Sciame, Cecelia M. Russo, Chair

SMT Patience Brown, Principal.

Agenda-

1. Thank you to Board members Josue De Paz and Mikhael Edouard for presenting at Career Day.
2. Per Patience
Standard health protocol is being followed with coverage for the teachers and remote instruction for the students when/if needed.
Kindergarten classes are capped at 25 students; Grades 1-8 capped at 27 students. There are 2 teachers in each class.

* Kindergarten Stepping Up Ceremony is June 23 at 9 am. All are welcome

* 8th Grade Graduation is June 18th at Medgar Evers College; 11am. 86 graduates
speaker PK Kersey
All Trustees are encouraged to attend. See email from Patience regarding parking and providing assistance before/after the ceremony
 - Day Trips have been experienced by the students and all were a success. Hoping to schedule some overnights in the 22/23 AY
 - Last day of school is Friday-June 24. Building Closed for 2 weeks then Open week of July 11 for summer program.
3. Patience noted that the school is on track to be fully staffed- presently 116- for beginning of new year in August, 2022.
Thanks to encouragement, budgeting and planning by SMT, especially EXD Nicholas Tishuk. However, have interviewed and hiring some new staff in preparation for 22/23 AY.
4. Freedom Riders initiative. Nick was in San Diego this week for first leg; will advise at Board meeting.
Any interested Board members for other activities should contact Nick.
5. As always, the Committee is open to any concerns/ suggestions from any Board member/ staff/ parent.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecelia M. Russo, chair

June 17, 2022