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Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

BSNBCS Board of Trustees Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday February 28, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Location
82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11206

Trustees Present
Cecelia Russo, Dalia Oberlander (remote), Doris Givens, Joseph Sciame, Leticia Theodore-Greene, Marlena Mondesir, Nancy Cavaluzzi, Patricia Bramwell, Victor Rivera

Trustees Absent
Angel Charriez, Kevin Nesbitt

Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened
Leticia Theodore-Greene

Ex Officio Members Present
Nicholas Tishuk

Guests Present
Elizabeth Young, Kateema Boatwright, Laquaisha Lawson, Lisa-Renée Brown, Marilyn Julien, Nicole Knight, Raemona Lilley-Boston, Silbia Pagan, Vicky D'Anjou-Pomerleau, Wanda Morales

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Joseph Sciame called a meeting of the board of trustees of Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools to order on Tuesday Feb 28, 2017 at 6:03 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

The minutes have been approved with corrections. The official minutes are updated to the public portal, which is linked on the school website.
Patricia Bramwell made a motion to approve minutes from the BSNBCS Board of Trustees Meeting on 01-24-17 BSNBCS Board of Trustees Meeting on 01-24-17.
Cecelia Russo seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Cecelia Russo	Aye
Victor Rivera	Aye
Angel Charriez	Absent
Leticia Theodore-Greene	Absent
Kevin Nesbitt	Absent
Dalia Oberlander	Abstain
Nancy Cavaluzzi	Aye
Joseph Sciame	Aye
Patricia Bramwell	Aye
Doris Givens	Absent
Marlena Mondesir	Aye

II. School Status Update

A. Presentation by the School Management Team

Mr. Tishuk introduced Ms. Elizabeth Young, who introduced the the voted officials of the Parent Family Organization. Each officer introduced themselves and Ms. Young informed the board that the PFO had their first meeting this evening.

On the 27th, the teaching staff went through professional development. Scholars returned to school from the winter break. The lower school had parent teacher conference on the 27th. The Director Morning session focused on parent concerns. The next Director morning session is in April. For the first 100 days of school was celebrated in the lower school and had parent attendance.

Mr. Tishuk gave a quick update on the "The Real" taping that occurred on the 16th. This was a national syndicated show that is shown on the Fox and BET. This increased interest in the school.

Ms. Pagan sent the official date for the graduation, June 17th. The total number of potential graduates is 51 students. Chairman Sciame asked about the former graduates. Ms. Pagan have spoken or communicated with a large majority of the alumni and some have assisted with tutoring for community service. Chairman Sciame suggested a reunion for the graduates.

Ms. Morales gave an update. The school has new servers and the facilities made major changes to the facility during the week of the 20th. The school received a grant to replace all the lighting in the school. The recruitment for the new school year is still underway and is active. The school is on the same track as last year, closer to 1,000 applications.

The school hosted a NYCHA housing event for the community.

III. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee Report

Chairman Sciame gave us an update about Angel Charriez resignation from the Board. We are waiting for the the official letter from Angel of his resignation.

B. Education Committee Report

Due to the short month, there was not a phone call or meeting.

C. Family Life Committee Report

D. Development Committee Report

Vicki gave an update for the committee. There was a discussion of a cocktail party in the spring with potential dates and locations with a silent auction. Based on the development committee's goal of $10,000, the committee discussed what each trustees can contribute and what can be raised.

Chairman Sciame suggested that the committee created a document for the Board to review and assist as necessary.

E. Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee had an information session in February with Mr. Tishuk and the SMT. The committee learned the common language of finance and discussed the information needed regarding the school. Based on the level of enrollment (conservative view), the school is at a good financial position. There was a conversation regarding the facilities and how to address building concerns. In 2018-2019, the school will hit the full enrollment number. The committee discussed the option looking into a relationship with a different bank offering with more favorable terms and wanted to bring the

recommendation to the board. Chairman Sciame suggested creating a policy regarding potential investment with the "rainy day fund". Mr. Rivera informed the Board that the group discussed those potential concerns. There was additional conversation about the potential investment of the school's cash to obtain a better saving rate.

Chairman Sciame suggested that the committee come up with suggestions for review during the Board retreat in the summer
Leticia Theodore-Greene arrived.
Victor Rivera made a motion to canvas and investigate moving the school's banking account to another bank.
Cecelia Russo seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Marlena Mondesir	Aye
Kevin Nesbitt	Absent
Victor Rivera	Aye
Joseph Sciame	Aye
Patricia Bramwell	Aye
Nancy Cavaluzzi	Aye
Cecelia Russo	Aye
Dalia Oberlander	Abstain
Doris Givens	Absent
Leticia Theodore-Greene	Aye
Angel Charriez	Absent

IV. New Business

A. Public Comments

Ms. Julien asked the Board about the potential addition of foreign language for the students. Ms. Russo informed Ms. Julien that the Education would looking into this.

B. Vote into executive session

Joseph Sciame made a motion to into executive sessions.
Patricia Bramwell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Return to public meeting

Cecelia Russo made a motion to to return to public session.
Patricia Bramwell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Report from the executive session

The Board discussed personnel and litigation issues.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Nancy Cavaluzzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Victor Rivera seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** 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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlena Mondesir