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# Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

## Minutes

### BSNBCS Board of Trustees Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Tuesday April 25, 2017 at 6:00 PM

#### **Location**

82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11206

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#### **Trustees Present**

Cecelia Russo (remote), Doris Givens, Joseph Sciame, Kevin Nesbitt, Leticia Theodore-Greene, Marlena Mondesir, Nancy Cavaluzzi, Patricia Bramwell, Victor Rivera

#### **Trustees Absent**

Dalia Oberlander

#### **Ex Officio Members Present**

Nicholas Tishuk

#### **Non Voting Members Present**

Nicholas Tishuk

#### **Guests Present**

Aisha Germain, Kateema Boatwright, Lisa-Renée Brown, Marilyn Julien, Nicole Knight, Silbia Pagan, Vicky D'Anjou-Pomerleau, Wanda Morales, Xiomara Wallace

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### **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 Apr 25, 2017 at 6:05 PM.

### **C. Approve Minutes**

Patricia Bramwell made a motion to approve minutes from the BSNBCS Board of Trustees Meeting on 03-28-17 with corrections BSNBCS Board of Trustees Meeting on 03-28-17.

Leticia Theodore-Greene seconded the motion.

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

## **II. School Status Update**

### **A. Presentation by the School Management Team**

Nicholas Tishuk gave a update on the school's budget and the NYC Department of Education site visit. A projected 2017-2018 school budget was proposed for review to the board based on the state budget that was approved. The budget will be brought for a vote to the board after the May Finance committee May meeting.

The school had a DOE site visit, on April 4th. Based on that visit, the DOE will come for an "friendly" visit in June. Three representatives came and interviewed the lower and upper academic leaders, several teachers and observed several classes.

Ms. Wanda Morales gave an update on the school lottery. She discussed a potential different opportunity (i.e, advertising on local bus shelters) for recruiting potential scholars. The lottery was April 7th at 8am for every grade. We were able to determine the new kindergarten classes for 2017-2018, with enrollment starting today. The rest of the grades were waitlisted. School tours are also available for incoming students on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Vicky D'Anjou-Pomerleau presented the Chief Development Report. The school joined the CSD16 School Crawl (the only charter school participating) on June 3rd from 10-1. The school will present the afternoon program and the film program the scholars participate in. Ms. D'Anjou-Pomerleau invited Regent Cashin to May 20th Health Action Day. Councilman Cornegy will address at the 2017 graduation. On Health Action Day, the school will host Kings County Tennis (fitness), NYC's Office to Combat Domestic Violence (relationship health), Avenue Music group, etc. the school will host a job fair on May 6th.

Lisa-Renee Brown gave an update on the school enrollment and school finances.

Silvia Pagan presented a list of events in the next month. The school will sponsor a staff appreciation breakfast on May 8th and the FPO will sponsor a staff appreciation lunch, which will occur during Staff Appreciation Week, May 8th-May 12. The 8th grade will go to Philadelphia, leaving on May 19th and returning on May 20th. The middle school will have the Math testing in early May (May 2nd-May 5) and the science performance test will be May 24th through May 31st. Currently 46 students have a seat based on their performance. The chaperone ratio is 10 to 1. In June, the middle school will see a Mets and Liberty game. The advance class (20 scholars) will participate in the algebra and living environment regents. Last day of school is June 23rd.

Last week, the school opened the school for several students and taught math for those who required.

### **III. Committee Reports**

#### **A. Executive Committee Report**

#### **B. Education Committee Report**

#### **C. Family Life Committee Report**

Kevin Nesbitt gave an update for the committee. One initiative the committee was to discuss with the development committee on the projected cocktail fundraiser the potential involvement of the FPO. There has also been talks regarding potential education resources for parents, which the committee will partner with the board.

#### **D. Development Committee Report**

Leticia Theodore-Greene presented the development committee updates. The proposed cocktail fundraiser will be postponed to the fall due to a calendar conflict.

#### **E. Finance Committee Report**

Victor Rivera gave a update for the finance committee. Due to the break, the committee did not meet. The committee has conducted a monthly procedure for the board meetings.

### **IV. New Business**

#### **A. Public Comments**

#### **B. Vote to go into executive session**

Patricia Bramwell made a motion to to go into executive session.

Nancy Cavaluzzi seconded the motion.

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

#### **C.**

## **Executive Session**

### **D. Return to public meeting**

Leticia Theodore-Greene made a motion to return to public session.

Kevin Nesbitt seconded the motion.

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

### **E. Report from the executive session**

The board discussed legal and personnel issues.

## **V. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

The Chairman would make a better effort to notify participants to sign in to voice their comments in the meeting.

Patricia Bramwell 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 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marlena Mondesir