



Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Friday July 17, 2015 at 9:00 AM

Location

82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn NY, 11206

Trustees Present

Angel Charriez, Cecelia Russo, Joseph Sciame, Kevin Nesbitt, Marlena Mondesir, Patricia Bramwell

Trustees Absent

Leticia Theodore-Greene, Victor Rivera

Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened

Angel Charriez, Kevin Nesbitt

Ex Officio Members Present

Nicholas Tishuk

Non Voting Members Present

Nicholas Tishuk

Guests Present

Dafina Westbrooks, Vanessa Adams, Varsha Sankar, Vicky D'Anjou-Pomerleau

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 Friday Jul 17, 2015 at 9:04 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

Cecelia Russo made a motion to Approve the minutes from May 19th and June 16 meeting minutes with corrections.

Kevin Nesbitt seconded the motion.

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

With corrections.

D. Establish dates for Board Meetings for 2015-16

The board will discuss the dates of the next year meetings during the retreat.

II. Update on School Status

A. Executive Director's Report - Organizational Chart for 2015-16

Mr. Tishuk presented the 2015-2016 supervision and organization chart to the board and public. Vicky D'Anjou-Pomerleau's title has changed to Chief Development Officer.

Additions to the org chart is the after school coordinator, curriculum & instruction for the lower and middle schools. Ms. Del Sherpa will focus on testing for the school as well as being the lower school director, while Ms. Pagan will focus on the special education and middle school director. There was conversation about looking how to coordinate the parent engagement throughout the school year. A schedule for the 3rd grade and the 5th grade. The orientation for 5th grade will include conversations with 5th graders, meeting teachers.

B. Current Schedules for Students for 2014-15: 3rd Grade and 5th Grade

A schedule for the 3rd grade and the 5th grade.

C. Middle School - Routine and Orientation for 5th Grade Students

Kevin Nesbitt arrived.

9:40.

D. Elective classes to be discussed and determined

The orientation for 5th grade will include conversations with 5th graders, meeting teachers. Mr. Tishuk presented the elective and special classes for K-8

E. 8th Grade Class Committee to be formed

A survey went out to the staff for volunteer for certain committees. Potential event committee are prom, senior trip, spirit days and yearbook. 17 of the returning teachers have agreed to volunteer in some way. The survey will be reformatted for parents for distribution during Welcome week. Committees will include teachers, scholars, friends of the school, trustees.

III. Old Business

A. Engagement Committee

Kevin, Engagement Committee Chair, presented his communication with parents who voiced their concerns to the committee. He believes that the discussion was successful and that the Engagement Committee will work with the administration to improve communication with parents. The Committee will report progress to the Board at the next meeting.

IV. New Business

A. Marlena Mondesir term

Joe announced that this school year-2015-16 will be Ms. Mondesir last year as the parent board member, per her request.

V. Public Comments

A. School store

Ms. Vanessa Adams, a parent of a child in BSNBCS and whom Mr. Nesbitt had had a call with due to her concerns, asked the board about the school store. This was a project she and other parents were interested in. It had been brought to the attention of the ED but he had concerns- viz. logistics, manning it, initial outlay of funds, accountability. Cecelia Russo proposed that Ms. Adams & interested parents of the PFO create a plan to present to the ED/board for review at the August meeting. Mr. Nesbitt will work with the PFO on creating a plan for the school store.

Angel Charriez arrived.

B. Parent board meetings

Joe asked how to involve more parental/family attendance at the open Board Meetings and at the PFO meetings? This will be addressed with the Engagement Committee, ED and school staff moving forward. There was some discussion as to the organization's name, function, etc. This will be further discussed at the next Board meeting.

VI. 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 10:12 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlena Mondesir