APPROVED

Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday January 26, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Location
82 Lewis Avenue

Trustees Present
Cecelia Russo, Dalia Oberlander (remote), Joseph Sciame, Kevin Nesbitt, Leticia Theodore-Greene, Marlena Mondesir, Patricia Bramwell

Trustees Absent
Angel Charriez, Victor Rivera

Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened
Kevin Nesbitt

Ex Officio Members Present
Nicholas Tishuk

Guests Present
Jomond Chase, Silbia Pagan, Vicky D'Anjou-Pomerleau, Vito Badamo, Wanda Morales

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance and Guests

Attendance was recorded. Victor and Angel are unable to attend due to work obligations, Dalia is calling in.

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 Jan 26, 2016 at 6:02 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Angel has had issues accessing the minutes, Vicky will reach out for technical assistance. Comments: Ms. Oberlander's name is mis-spelled. Typo in the word "edit" after "fire" in item C.

Under "New Business", Ms. Oberlander's name is mis-spelled. Under D, needs more information on who wished to tour the building. "This person wished to develop projects for the roof". Under E, typo, it should read "There was no meeting". Under F: Mis-spelled name for "Darren Carter".
Patricia Bramwell made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 12-15-15 Board Meeting on 12-15-15.
Leticia Theodore-Greene seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Update on School Status

A. Update on School Status

1. School's accountability status. State has informed us that we are in good standing for 2015-16 and 2016-17.
2. Begun Term 3 yesterday. PTC next Tuesday February 2nd, Awards Assembly on Friday the 5th.
3. Tuesday the 2nd is Advocacy day, 7 parents will be going to Albany. We receive approximately $3,000 less than a NYC DOE student get because of the facilities funding gap.
4. Transition plan for the Lower school Director of Instruction. Letter to staff and transition framework chart is shared with the Board. Tishuk is taking the lead on observations for 3 and 4, Thomas is taking the lead for K-2 observations. Now preparing February 12th Professional Development Day.
5. Diocese has made some repairs to the sidewalk.

Questions:
Q. What is the parents' response?
A. A few expressed sadness, others wanted to know what the new protocols were . Mr. Tishuk had 3 or 4 conversations with parents.

Q. Is the plan an addition to Mr. Thomas' role?
A. Yes, however Mr. Brown, Ms. Howell, and Mr. Tishuk are assisting with parent engagement. Mr. Thomas emphasized the strength of his team and his collaboration with Pagan and Chase on the MS.
Q. Is there any change to the group working with the graduating class?
A. No, this team is intact.
Q. How comfortable was the Management team with taking on additional responsibilities?
A. Silbia: It was more about formalizing things we already worked on together. Thomas: I feel her loss, but I feel comfortable with the challenge. It is forcing people to think beyond discipline.
Q. Were there people we were cultivating as a replacement?
A. All names on the list of responsibilities are people whose skills can be nurtured.
Q. How does Tishuk's taking on part of the lead affect his ED work?
A. Tishuk will focus on 3-4, Thomas has moved his office to the 2nd floor.
Kevin Nesbitt arrived.

III. Committees Reports

A. Report from the Executive Committee

Passing a listing of committees as established on July 1. Dalia wishes to receive the list to select committees to serve on. The chairs will share a description of the committees. Vicky will follow up with the City to be updated on the status of Dalia's application as a Trustee.

B. Report from the Finance and Operations Committee

We are hoping that the quarterly report will be ready by the February meeting. Nick shared screenshot of bank account.

C. Report from the Education Committee

Document shared with the Board.

Cecelia discussed the idea of providing additional support to the incoming Kindergartners to address some student's preparedness. We expect to get more data feedback from the education team. Wish to know when the next parent meeting will be.
Silbia shared that 20 families from 8th grade came to a family discussion on the topic of senior activities, and 6 more families came in for 1-on-1 meetings.
We do not wish the school to be a "test-prep" school, but may want to leverage the after school program. The website should be updated to reflect current after school programming.

Decision: Marlena has decided to remain on the Board.

D. Report from the Engagement and Outreach Committee

Document shared with the Board.

Wish to work with the school in preparing families to work with their students for the state tests. Had a conversation about the JD for the parent on the Board. Need to discuss whether any parent voted on the board would have both voice and vote.
Wish to discuss having the development and engagement committees partnering to involve parents for development.
How do we move forward with parents already identified as engaged?
Desire to begin on-boarding possible parent Trustee in the fall for them to understand the commitment and work.

Nicholas Tishuk suggests that the Engagement Committee organizes an event to help interested parents start a PTO.

E. Report from the Development Committee

There was no development committee meeting. Have not received response from Victor and Angel. A call will be scheduled between the Development Committee, Chairman Joe Sciame, and Vicky in the week prior to the next Board Meeting.

IV. New Business

A. Communication with parent

B. Announcements from Silbia

Prom will be at Princess Manor in Bushwick on May 25th.

June 8th will be the Middle School Graduation at St. Francis College.

V. Old Business

A. Executive session

B. Vote to return to public meeting

C. Report from the executive session

HR matters were discussed.

VI. Closing Items

A. Public Comments

B.

Adjourn Meeting

Marlena Mondesir made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Leticia Theodore-Greene seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously 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 9:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky D'Anjou-Pomerleau