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Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday March 21, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Location
82 Lewis Avenue

Trustees Present
Cecelia Russo, Dalia Oberlander, 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, Leticia Theodore-Greene

Ex Officio Members Present
Nicholas Tishuk

Guests Present
Lisa Raye Brown, Silbia Pagan

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 Monday Mar 21, 2016 at 6:17 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Kevin Nesbitt arrived.
Leticia Theodore-Greene arrived.
The following changes should be reflected in the minutes:

- The minutes should be submitted by Victor Rivera and not Joseph Sciame
- All spelling errors are corrected.

Patricia Bramwell made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 02-23-16 Board Meeting on 02-23-16.
Cecelia Russo seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Update on School Status

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Mr. Tishuk presented the School Update.

BSNBCS is participating in Council Member Cornegy's NY Participatory Budgeting Event. The school has listed a request for 4 Science carts for a total of $248,000. An person 14 years or older can cast a vote towards any project during March 26- April 3, 2016. The project with the most votes will received their request. There are 11 areas for votes to cast their votes. Ms. Pagan will bring all 14 year olds to the St. John's location to vote.

BSNBCS will have their Brooklyn Community Health and Wellness Fair on May 21st from 11 am until 2pm. The event will host a Brooklyn Nets Basketball clinic, film screening with the Tribeca Film Institute and have a presentation from the BSNBCS culinary arts program.

Mr. Tishuk has met with several candidates for the Lower School Academic Director position. Three candidates are visiting the school and meeting with the SMT next week. Interested staff that has received instructions that they should follow the necessary protocols all candidates ware following.

Mr. Sciame has requested the SMT send the board all email communication as well as the paper documents sent to families and staff.

Mr. Tishuk announced that he is performing financial planning for the 2016-2017 school year, as well as training Lisa Renee on the process. He is looking to make changes to the lower school structure. He will present a preliminary budget for the board to review in May. The money promised to the school by Assembly member Dilan will be approved by April 1st.

For the 2016-2017, the Saturday school program will be revised.

Creative Classroom Solutions has decided to chose a school in Park Slope to host their Summer professional development. The school was introduced to a program with connections to Simon Birch called 14 Factory. Mr. Tishuk will continue this relationship. One of our students has been accepted to the Bridge to Alaska program.

285 families applied for the 75 available seats.

III. Committees Reports

A. Report from the Executive Committee

B. Report from the Finance and Operations Committee

C. Report from the Education Committee

Ms. Cecilia Russo asked the Mr. Tishuk and Ms. Pagan what the school plan for recruitment with all the changes for the new school year and the state requirement. Ms. Pagan and the recruiter consultant have attended various fairs and presented generic based titles to all candidates. For the middle school, Ms. Pagan is looking for specialized educators. for the lower grades, she is looking for more generalized educators.

Ms. Russo presented the latest committee discussion with the school leadership. The Education Committee with the approval of the Executive Director, to meet the viable Lower School candidates. The Executive Director will inform the committee when he is 1-3 candidates for the Lower School position. Ms. Russo asked that the Education Committee receive the credentials of all new hires.

Mr. Nesbitt recommended a shared drive for the board, so there is an electronic repository. Mr. Tishuk informed the board that each board member has a BSNBCS email account and has access to a secured shared drive through their email accounts.

D. Report from the Engagement and Outreach Committee

Mr. Nesbitt attended the father focused movie night for scholars.

The Engagement Committee discussed the structure of the Parent Family Organization (PFO). Ms. Mondesir informed the committee on what worked and what didn't work with

the previous Parent Organization. The committee discussed on how the administration can support, encourage participation, and concerns of the administration.

The committee will work with the administration to find viable solutions to dealing with financial concerns of the PFO.

Mr. Tishuk gave a description of the parent engagement process currently in place. Vicky D'Anjou Pomerleau is the liaison for the school/parent organization. Ms. Mondesir will present her previous information to the school leadership and work with the engagement committee to create a structure for the 2016-2017.

E. Report from the Development Committee

Ms. Theodore-Green presented the for the development committee. The development committee discussed the mission and goals of the committee in two separate conversations (see attached). Ms. Theodore-Greene presented the mission and goals for board approval.

Ms. Theodore-Greene proposed a mission statement for the committee because it prepared clarity to what the committee was to accomplish.

For the NY City Council Participatory Budgeting, the school will have a breakfast to help encourage parents and families to vote during the voting session. Mr. Tishuk recommended that the board push this information to groups that the school can not reach.

Ms. Theodore- Green recommended that each board member donate in cash/resources for the 2015-2016 school year. Next year, we will start at the beginning of the new year.

Ms. Pagan recommended that the board create a THRIVE award for a student during graduation. The board recommended that the leadership create a template for the following years. The board will send a contribution for the Thrive award, which will be a $500 award for the scholars who receives the award.
Leticia Theodore-Greene made a motion to Ms. Theodore-Green presented the mission and goals, as well as the THRIVE award that embodies the THRIVE values. Ms. Theodore-Greene recommended that there is 100 percent participation.
Kevin Nesbitt seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. New Business

A. Executive session

B.

Vote to go into executive session

Cecelia Russo made a motion to to enter executive session.
Leticia Theodore-Greene seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Vote to return to public meeting

Patricia Bramwell made a motion to To end executive session.
Cecelia Russo seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Report from the executive session

The Board discussed BSNBCS personnel matters.

V. Closing Items

A. Public Comments

No comments from the Public.

B. Adjourn Meeting

Patricia Bramwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10.
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 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlena Mondesir