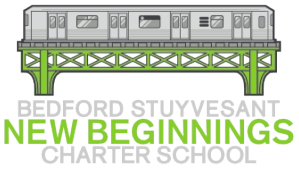
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Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday December 15, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Location
82 Lewis Avenue
Brooklyn NY 11206

Trustees Present
Doris Givens, Joseph Sciame, Kevin Nesbitt, Patricia Bramwell, Tamikka Pate, Tyler McConnell, Victor Rivera

Trustees Absent
Cecelia Russo, Leticia Theodore-Greene

Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened
Kevin Nesbitt, Tyler McConnell

Ex Officio Members Present
Nicholas Tishuk

Guests Present
Lisa-Renée Brown, Patience Brown

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Victor Rivera called a meeting of the board of trustees of Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools to order on Tuesday Dec 15, 2020 at 6:11 PM.

C. Review of the minutes

Minutes were circulated yesterday. Cecelia needed clarification on where the minutes reflect lateness of one board member. Remove remote attendee participants from attendance as they are not to be counted toward the quorum or allowed to vote on any matters remotely.
Joseph Sciame made a motion to approve minutes with corrections.
Tamikka Pate seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Vote to approve minutes

Joseph Sciame made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting on 11-17-20.
Tamikka Pate seconded the motion.
With corrections. Remove remotes from attendance.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic and Family Life Committee

A. Committee Update

General update - we returned to remote learning. 136 students came back for 2nd quarter. Friday we pivoted back to remote instruction. Parent engagement session held yesterday, Monday 170 laptops and hotspots were given to family for students. Similar schedules are followed for lower and middle schools. Cleaning and tweaking remote program is underway with facility. Spending time with more breakout rooms. Small group instruction. We'll be remote from now to Dec 23rd. We're hoping to be back in building on January 4th. 9% threshold is the state's plan for an automatic closure. Attendance as of today was 82%. The average is about 92% for remote learning. In person is 97%.

Since we reopened in August, we have consistently followed our plan and have been proactive about making small incremental improvements. The plan is fully operationalized.

III. Governance Committee

A. Committee Update

Tyler McConnell arrived.

Kevin Nesbitt arrived.
The board was updated on board recruiting activities to date, as reflected in the attached report. Progress is underway to identify and cultivate relationships with prospective trustee candidates.

IV. Finance Committee

A. Committee Update

Enrollment is steady. PPE loan has gone through PPK review. Announcements coming through on Dec 18. Ready for submission. Little Bird benefits compensation, transition is underway. Little Bird purchased by Trinet and goes away on 12/31/2020. Several options were explored for payroll benefits. It was decided to expand the relationship with Paylocity. Looking to save $100-150K this year by going with this option. We put together a group to provide all of our services. BSBNBCS is reaching a new level of maturity and enhancing our benefits package.

Staff was notified in August of transition. There has been consistent engagement with staff to ensure that they remember and follow up on key dates related to the transition. We do "lunch and learns" with staff to secure feedback pertaining to student loan support, child care benefits, transportation, etc. BSNBCS remains very competitive relative to all of these benefits..

On January 14th there will be a semi-annual check in on school's annual budget.. All are invited to the Finance Committee's meeting..

V. Development

A. Committee's Update

Raised $850 Giving Tuesday.

Engaged Classy platform. Setting up a demonstration. Focused on creating a scheme for fundraising and informing our donors in different forums.

AmazonSmile is a great alternative way to raise money for the school for every purchase that is made through AmazonSmile.

VI. New and Old Business

A. New Business

Nick expressed is gratitude and thanks to the faculty and board for getting us through this year.

B. Old Business

None

VII. Public Comments

A. Public comments

None.
Kevin Nesbitt made a motion to Adjourn the Meeting.
Joseph Sciame seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Happy Prosperous New Year
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doris Givens

Documents used during the meeting

- 2020_11_17_board_meeting_minutes.pdf
- Dec 2 Committee minutes.docx
- GovernanceCommitteeUpdate12032020.pdf
- Fin Comm Call Notes - November 12 2020.docx
- Development Minutes 12-10-20.pdf