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Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday February 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Location
Meeting is open to the public.

Trustees Present
Cecelia Russo, Doris Givens, Joseph Sciame, Kevin Nesbitt, Victor Rivera

Trustees Absent
Leticia Theodore-Greene, Tyler McConnell

Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened
Kevin Nesbitt

Ex Officio Members Present
Nicholas Tishuk

Guests Present
Josue De Paz, Lisa-Renée Brown, Mikhael Edouard, Patience Brown, Patricia Bramwell, Shawn Carson

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 Feb 15, 2022 at 6:05 PM.

C. Review of 1-18-22 Minutes

Joseph Sciame made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting on 01-18-22.
Doris Givens seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approve 2-5-22 Minutes

Cecelia Russo made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 02-05-22.
Doris Givens seconded the motion.
Approved with one correction. The 4% positivity rate was NYC's positivity rate, not the school's.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
Kevin Nesbitt arrived at 6:11 PM.

II. Academic and Family Life Committee

A. Committee Update

No positive COVID tests in our population. Our testing vendor will come in biweekly.

Internal academic assessments are completed and progress reports have been distributed. Conferences with families of students whose promotions are in doubt have been completed. In January, a pool of twenty teachers gathered to review all of the ELA and Math results to determine which students' promotions are in doubt. This is our Response to Intervention program. About 20% of our school population are "promotion in doubt" students. Our K - 2 early childhood students are mostly impacted by retention. Students will be reassessed in April. Ultimately, a team of more than twenty faculty members will finalize grade retention decisions.

We have effective parent engagement and the parents are fully engaged to support our students. In our K-1 we use a play based model. We partnered with Bank Street University and we offer our students "Choice Time"..

During our mid winter break, we will have "Brain Camp" from Tues - Fri from 9AM-4PM. 176 students are enrolled. The school provides parents and students with Metrocards as an alternate to using Yellow Bus Services.

III. Governance Committee

A. Committee Update

The Governance Committee met on Thurs, Feb 3, 2022 at 5PM

Accomplishments
The Board elected two new trustees on Feb 5: Josue De Paz and Mikhael Edouard. All required documents were submitted to the DOE for review and approval.

Trustee candidate Shawn Carson was invited o BSNBCS board meetings and Finance Committee meetings. A tour of the school was given and an interview with ED and Governance Chair was completed. His CV was circulated to the Board.

The committee will continue to work with a board trustee recruiter to source additional future candidates.

All trustees completed the annual Board Self-Assessment. The assessment summary report and recommendations were sent to the Trustees. A discussion for action planning is scheduled for March Executive Session.

Trustees attended annual Board Retreat to discuss Charter Renewal.

Priorities
Fully onboard new board trustees. (Nick, Doris, Victor)
Continue to build pipeline of external Board Trustee prospects to recruit additional trustees.
Recruit one or more BSNBCS parents as Board Trustees.
Challenges
Securing timely RSVPs from all trustees to ensure we have a quorum days before the monthly board meeting.
Encourage timely delivery of Committee reports for monthly Board packet materials.

Recommended that new Trustees participate in the 30 minute Board On Track Open Meeting Law Do's and Don'ts, on Wednesday, Feb 23rd from 3:00 - 3:30 pm.

IV. Finance Committee

A. Committee Update

Please see the attached Finance Committee report.

The school's financials and financial controls are solid.

A suggestion was made that the Committee consider looking into financial instruments that would allow us to sweeps from checking to savings to earn interest on high balances.

V. Public Comments

A. Public comments

Shawn Carson commented that he was impressed with the school's financial strength.

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 7:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doris Givens
Joseph Sciame made a motion to adjourn meeting.
Kevin Nesbitt seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Documents used during the meeting

- BSNBCS Board Resolution 2-5-22 Mikhael Edouard.pdf
- BSNBCS Board Resolution 2-5-22 Josue de Paz.pdf
- MS Family Engagment Framework 2021-22.pdf
- LS Family Engagement Framework 2021-22.pdf
- Fin Comm Meeting Notes - February 2022.pdf