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Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday October 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Location
82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

Trustees Present
Cynthia Aker, Doris Givens, Kevin Nesbitt, Shawn Carson, Victor Rivera

Trustees Absent
Cecelia Russo, John Matos, Joseph Sciame

Ex Officio Members Present
Nicholas Tishuk

Guests Present
Lamar Renee Garcia, Lisa-Renée Brown, Patience Brown, Patricia Bramwell

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 Wednesday Oct 16, 2024 at 6:08 PM.

C. Approve September Meeting Minutes

Shawn Carson made a motion to approve the minutes from Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools Board Meeting on 09-18-24.
Kevin Nesbitt seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic and Family Life Committee

A. Committee Update

Chief Academic Officer Brown updated the Board on the work of the Academic meeting. She shared the school's staffing framework and our key events for October. We are celebrating Hispanic Heritage month; Hispanic, Latino and/or Spanish speaking children represent roughly half of our students. Families attended a family event on October 15th which had over 100 families in attendance; students had a fair around Hispanic/Latin American culture with clothing, dancing, food and language. On Friday, we will have our keystone event with the Latin American festival, which includes food, music and other celebrations of culture.

October is also anti-bullying month. Today is National Unity Day, the school included a community based Unity rally. This included Unity dances, speakers on the topic and other celebrations of unity. These events tie into our project based learning framework to make learning engaging, fun and active on all levels. The high school featured Tango dancing from Argentine dancers and other events for Hispanic Heritage month.

III. Governance Committee

A. Committee Update

Chair Doris Givens discussed the school's approach towards recruiting trustees; Mr. Tishuk described the school's efforts to recruit new trustees. Chair Victor Rivera pointed to the school's academic performance and the vital role the school plays in the lives of our families and stakeholders.

IV. Finance Committee

A. Finance Committee Update

Treasurer Shawn Carson requests of all board members attend the Board meeting on November 12th, where the school's auditor PKF O'Connor Davies will the present the school's annual audit for FY24.

Chief Finance Officer presented the school's financial position, include bank balances. Mr. Tishuk discussed the school's enrollment and recruitment framework for its expansion.

V. Public Comments

A. Public comments

There were no public comments.

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 7:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doris Givens