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Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday September 27, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Location
82 Lewis Avenue

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

Trustees Absent
None

Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened
Angel Charriez, Leticia Theodore-Greene

Guests Present
Elizabeth Young, Patience Brown, Silbia Pagan, Vicky D'Anjou-Pomerleau

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 Tuesday Sep 27, 2016 at 6:12 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Chairman Sciame mentioned that Mr. Tishuk was excused for this meeting, as per his request earlier today. He is available by phone if needed.
Victor Rivera made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 08-31-16 Board Meeting on 08-31-16.
Patricia Bramwell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Victor Rivera	Aye
Patricia Bramwell	Aye
Kevin Nesbitt	Aye
Angel Charriez	Absent
Cecelia Russo	Aye
Marlena Mondesir	Aye
Joseph Sciame	Aye
Leticia Theodore-Greene	Absent
Dalia Oberlander	Aye

II. School Status Update

A. Presentation by the School Management Team

Patrice Brown started the School Team presentation focusing the lower school. The school has reevaluated the intervention program. All teachers (lower and middle) have been and will be conducting weekly evaluations. Shifts in the classes are based on what is best for the children. The goal for each class is, "Is learning happening?".

Mr. Rivera inquired about the once a week observation. Ms. Brown stated that the teachers are showing excitement since the tone of the observation are looked as coaching. The lower school two coordinators are coaching the teachers while Ms. Brown's observation is more an evaluation aspect The lower school has weekly meeting for parents to talk to teachers when needed.
Ms. Rivera inquired about the assessment of the scholars. Ms. Brown mentioned that the data from all the assessment will be compiled this week. Ms. Brown informed the board that the lowers school has a data wall that will help inform the board in regards to assessment of the students.

Silvia Pagan stated that the middle school assessment started the middle of last weeksfarting with ELA. This week the focus in Math; the computer based assessment next week. The RTI cycle will begin in the middle of October for middle school, basic intervention are in place. With the addition of associate that has been been doing parallel teaching and supporting students as needed, focusing on the jump of 5th to 6 grade.

The high school process has beginning. This Thursday, there is a meeting for parent of 8th graders focusing on the progress of the high school application process. The administrator of BELA high school will be here to talk to parents. The middle school is

taking Common Core/ Pre Algebra math which is more rigorous than math in the past. Chairman Sciame inquired about having student to visit St. John's and Hunter, Ms. Pagan mentioned that the schools still interested in pursing this and will follow up with Chairman Sciame and Mr. Nesbitt. Mr. Russo inquired how are parents being assisted in helping their scholars with homework. Ms. Pagan and Ms. Young are currently working on plan a program for parents. Ms. Pagan and the teachers are working on creating sending assistance (online and textbooks) to parents that is align with the Common Core process.

Ms. Morales reported for operations. We are currently at 658 students and are looking to backfill to 675, the minimum is 225 for operating purposes. Ms. Russo inquired how does the introduction of new students affect the structure of the class. Ms. Morales is trying to avoid enrollment late in the school year (November). The amount of students need for each grade:

Kindergarten- 4
1st grade-
2nd grade-
3th grade
4th grade
5th grade
6th grade
7th grade
8th grade

Ms. Morales wil focus on getting new kindergarten student for the 2017-2018 in November by going to daycare centers and promoting the school since the application sent out from the NYC Dept. of Education is given in December. BSNBCS classroom max is 27 student with two teachers
Breakfast- 80 students

Vicky reported out regarding community engagement. Last week, BSNBCS had their second take your Dads to school, about 100 participants. This was 5 times as much as last year. Silvia and Elizabeth were able to engage the middle grade parents. Ms. Pagan focused on organization and electronic devices and Ms. Young engage very frank conversation with fathers/male figures. On October 4th, the school will host "Building with Biology", this event will not be

Wish and Vicky met with the Brooklyn Tech Alumni coordinator. The Brooklyn Tech program is similar to the DREAM program but is more project based. Ms. Pagan explained the DREAM program for the board. The program is looking to have coordinate with middle school in District 16. BSNBCS joined the Family Engagement project team with Congressman ___. The school has also filled out an application for a city wide charter collaborative.

New York Community Trust renewed their donation of $2500 in memory for John DiSilva.

Ms. Russo inquired about the Walton Family grant of $325,000 that was awarded to BELA high school. Vicky will inquired about this process. Ms. Russo inquired about the after school program for the students. The middle school program is in its 3rd week, and expanding with debate, photography, and a STEM classes. The school has hit its target enrollment. The lower school started this week and is $35 per week.

III. Committees Reports

A. Family Life Committee Report

Mr. Nesbitt reported out for the Family Life Committee. The committee had a call to discuss how Ms. Young would assist the board, the committee wish list based on the meeting with families at the end of the year; discussed the meeting with Congressman Coronary; as well engaging childcare for the board meeting for parents. The board spent two hour with Congressman Coronary and discussed about mentorship with the Bread of Life program. He also requested that parent who would be a liaison for him and the school, who will volunteer for someone to work at his office. We also discuss a middle school summit for parents. In our conversation with Elizabeth, the board would like her to a pathway for parents and teachers. We reaffirmed that Patrice and Silbia are the "principals" of each school and t0 help parent understand that. We also discussed creating a transition process for Vicky's maternity leave. Vicky confirmed that the board have access to an electronic folder for all communication sent to parents. Vicky will distribute this information tot he board. Mr. Nesbitt and the committee are discussing how to engage parent during the committee calls/meetings.

The bylaws are being restructured and open to all parents for nomination.

B. Development Committee Report

Leticia reported out for the Development Committee. She mentioned the follow up items from the Congressman Corgenry meeting. The meeting focused on preserving out community and access resources in regards to education.

C. Education Committee Report

Ms. Russo reported out for the Education Committee. The committee had a conversation and all future calls will be the Wednesday prior to the meetings. The education committee will add this information on the website and distributed an agenda.

LTG arrived at 7:15
Leticia Theodore-Greene arrived.

D. Finance Committee Report

Angel was not present for an update

IV. New Business

A. Public Comments

Before the Chairman opened the floor for public comments, he shared a potential board member resume and bio for review. he will invite her to the next meeting as a guest.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments:

- Ms. Julien inquired about the homework assistance for parents. What other website would be beneficial for parents? Ms. Pagan informed the parents that next week students will have access to Ready which will help assist. In regards to other sites, the teachers will try to send out a packet for math assistance. If parents find sites, please let the teachers know so they can review and notify all families. iReady is 3-8, so all families will have access to this.
- Parent brought an issue of liability in the school. Vicky mentioned that the school is working on a way to create an updated website to clarify information for parents.

B. Executive session

Kevin Nesbitt made a motion to to close this part of the session and go into executive at 7:39.
Cecelia Russo seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Marlena Mondesir	Aye
Joseph Sciame	Aye
Victor Rivera	Aye
Angel Charriez	Absent
Leticia Theodore-Greene	Aye
Patricia Bramwell	Aye
Dalia Oberlander	Aye
Kevin Nesbitt	Aye
Cecelia Russo	Aye

Angel Charriez arrived.
Angel arrived by phone at 7:43.

C. Return to public meeting

Kevin Nesbitt made a motion to to bring the board to public session.
Cecelia Russo seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Angel Charriez	Abstain

Roll Call

Patricia Bramwell	Aye
Cecelia Russo	Aye
Victor Rivera	Aye
Dalia Oberlander	Aye
Joseph Sciame	Aye
Leticia Theodore-Greene	Aye
Kevin Nesbitt	Aye
Marlena Mondesir	Aye

D. Report from the executive session

During executive session, the board discussed legal and personnel issues.
Kevin Nesbitt made a motion to to hire a external HR professional to review HR policies and practices and recommend the improvement of the school. The board will also bring recommendations to the school.
Leticia Theodore-Greene seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Patricia Bramwell	Aye
Joseph Sciame	Aye
Cecelia Russo	Aye
Leticia Theodore-Greene	Aye
Kevin Nesbitt	Aye
Marlena Mondesir	Aye
Victor Rivera	Aye
Dalia Oberlander	Aye
Angel Charriez	Abstain

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Patricia Bramwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Cecelia Russo seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Joseph Sciame	Aye
Victor Rivera	Aye
Marlena Mondesir	Aye
Kevin Nesbitt	Aye
Dalia Oberlander	Aye
Cecelia Russo	Aye
Leticia Theodore-Greene	Aye
Patricia Bramwell	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlena Mondesir