



Pharos Academy Charter School

Minutes

BLCS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday October 18, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Location

1005 Intervale Ave. Bronx, NY 10459 - Call In # 813-967-8308 Passcode # 74216

Trustees Present

B. Thompson, E. DeGonzalez, E. Kinsey, F. Merine, N. Jones, R. Granado, S. Jean-Jacques, S. Sutherland (remote), V. Caba

Trustees Absent

J. Lopez-Molina

Guests Present

C. Russell, M. Dorsey, M. Rousseau (remote), T. Brown

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

N. Jones called a meeting of the board of trustees of Pharos Academy Charter School to order on Thursday Oct 18, 2018 at 6:49 PM.

II. Public Comments

A. Public Comments

Teacher: Craig Napier introduced to the Board

Highest performing teacher spoke briefly to the Board regarding the atmosphere and success of the CPA Math Scholars.

III. Board Governance

A. Board Governance

Update By-Law Amendments - Signed and submitted to the DOE on October 4, 2018

Committee Membership Review:

Culture Committee: Frantz Merine , Evelyn DeGonzalez, Vilma Caba & Stacy Sutherland

Committee updates presented by Vilma Caba of recent activities

Principal Brown discussed " Curiosity Log" (Bi-Weekly Feedback Activity for Teachers)

Cell Phone system currently operating successfully

College activities discussed in detail - Past and Present activities and methods to improve

Academic Committee: Nikali Jones, Evelyn DeGonzalez, Stacy Sutherland

Finance Committee: Robb Granado, Eric Kinsey

Courtney to follow up with committee leaders and membership.

IV. Follow Up Items

A. Follow Up Items from Previous Month's Meeting

Pledge of Commitment handouts presented to board to be read and signed by all Board Members.

V. Principal's Report

A. Principal's Report

Principal - Key Points mentioned

- Charter Renewal - Successful submission
- NYU Program- Successful results
- Enrollment is steady

- Next Year application count is currently at 170
- PowerSchool transition to Alma discussed as successful and moving forward
- Monthly discipline steady at both lower and upper academy
- School data scores - K-8 Math scores exceeded the City scores
- Interim Assessment Data will be made available next month
- K-11 participated in NWEA test, scores will be available - Goal is 80% Proficiency
- Staffing update: Lower Academy (3 Teachers resigned)
- Curriculum strategy discussed
- Middle School convert to Humanities model
- CPA AfterSchool Program schedule reviewed and discussed
- Lower Academy After School Program is currently not in session. School looking for partnership for this program.
- After School program to start with Chess and other specialized activities.

VI. School Operations

A. BLCPA Scholar Recruitment/Enrollment

B. BLCS Charter Renewal

Visit in November 1st and 2nd - (2) Day School Visit (Spending time with Travis & Instructional Leadership)

Visit on November 1st - Thursday at 4:00 PM DOE will meet with Board Members

BLCS Interview and Charter Renewal documents distributed and discussed in detail.

Extensive review and discussion related to the BLCS Charter Renewal documents and handouts

Courtney & Travis share information related to the school curriculum, application process and overall health of BLCS.

Members Attending- November 1, 2018 @ 3:30 PM

1. Robb Granado
2. Briar Thompson
3. Nikali Jones
4. Sarah Jean-Jacques
5. Frantz Merine
6. Eric Kinsey
7. Stacy Sutherland

8. Vilma Caba (Maybe)
9. Javier Lopez- Molina

VII. Facility

A. Facility Updates

Mansoor not available due to family illness.
Courtney provided brief summary of facilities report.

VIII. Finance

A. Building Financing

Successful results of Bond Activities discussed
Financials funds discussed

B. Finance Report

R. Granado made a motion to Accept financials.
E. DeGonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IX. School Operations

A. Approve Minutes

N. Jones made a motion to approve minutes from the BLCS September Board Meeting on 09-20-18 BLCS September Board Meeting on 09-20-18.
V. Caba seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

X. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 PM

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Dorsey

B. Executive Session

Board Entered into Executive Session at 9:53 PM