



Bronx Charter School for the Arts

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday May 14, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Location

Zoom Meeting-Details below

Trustees Present

Ahmad Sheikh (remote), Aisha Bell (remote), Dan Vislocky (remote), Denise Brecher (remote), Eric Osorio (remote), Graham Powis (remote), Katherine Trager (remote), Noni Lopez (remote), Patricia Kennedy (remote)

Trustees Absent

Arlene Bascom, Barbara H. Scott, Charles Whites, Lori Biancamano, Susan Geisenheimer

Guests Present

Johanne Javel, Jonea Thomas (remote), Miriam Raccah (remote), Tatiana Nadal (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Graham Powis called a meeting of the board of trustees of Bronx Charter School for the Arts to order on Tuesday May 14, 2019 at 6:38 PM.

C.

Public Session

D. Approve Minutes

Katherine Trager made a motion to approve minutes from the Board of Trustees Meeting on 04-09-19 Board of Trustees Meeting on 04-09-19.

Denise Brecher seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Nominating

A. Update

No Update

III. Finance

A. March Financials

Miriam discussed the financial report along with Tatiana. The Walton Foundation awarded the school with a grant that is up to \$975,000 over a period of 5 years. Expenses are in line with various adjustments noted in the March 2019 Financials Report section of the packet.

<https://app2.boardontrack.com/org/u2Psmx/event/list#>

IV. Operations

A. Dashboard

no major changes were reported

V. Principal Reports

A. Middle School Report

1. Unfortunately, Miriam reported that there were a few suspensions.
2. The Elementary School Art Gallery event was a success. The 6th grade band performed while families enjoyed their children's artwork and refreshments. All students dressed up for the occasion.
3. Students were comfortable with the Math and Terra Nova exams.
4. The middle school musical is quickly approaching.

B. Elementary School Report

Jonea reported that April's attendance was low due to school being open the week after Easter where other schools were closed.

1. Students, teachers and staff were Superheroes during the Math Test Rally.
2. She was proud to report that there were no measles cases. Fourth graders are preparing for the Terra Nova and Science Tests.

VI. Development

A. Development Update

Spring Salon Update

VII. Executive Director Presentation

A. Updates

1. It is difficult to find teachers in both schools.
2. Miriam reflected on the ins and outs of opening a new school. In hindsight, opening with less students (90) instead of 118 would have worked out a little better for admin, staff and students
3. Miriam will hire a Recruitment Managing per the strategic plan and utilizing Walton funding.
4. There is a possibility that Civic Builders may sell to Bronx Arts.
5. Miriam traveled to Albany in effort to get the cap lifted.
6. She traveled to California for a day conference. Her takeaway is to deliberately engage families and focus more on the socio-emotional needs of our students.

VIII. 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 7:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aisha Bell