



Bronx Charter School for the Arts

Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday February 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Trustees Present

Arlene Bascom (remote), Barbara H. Scott (remote), Dan Vislocky (remote), David Barnard (remote), Denise Brecher (remote), Eric Osorio (remote), Lori Biancamano (remote), Susan Geisenheimer (remote)

Trustees Absent

Andrea Zayas, Charles Whites, Evette Stair- Radlein, Katherine Trager

Guests Present

Jasmin Abbatiello (remote), Kathy Ortiz (remote), Melanie Hok (remote), Patricia Rooney (remote), Ryan McCabe (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Barbara H. Scott called a meeting of the board of trustees of Bronx Charter School for the Arts to order on Wednesday Feb 15, 2023 at 6:09 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Arlene Bascom made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting & Retreat on 01-21-23.

David Barnard seconded the motion.

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

II. Board Chair

A. Update

Barbara H. Scott provided a brief update on her weekly meetings with Kathy Ortiz, which she shared have been extremely beneficial.

III. Interim Executive Director

A. Academic Program

Kathy Ortiz provided the Interim ED report which included the recent updated Covid-19 vaccination policy announced by NYC Mayor Adams, the school monthly dashboard, student recruitment plans and total applications received to date. She also provided an update on the current charter renewal project timeline, noting continual partnership with Heather Wendling and Paul O'Neil.

Both Kathy Ortiz and Ryan McCabe provided the Academic Program report, highlighting recent winter results from the NWEA MAP assessments for the middle school. Ryan McCabe also shared an instructional action plan addressing the findings of the winter NWEA MAP assessment results.

B. Core Values

Discussion ensued regarding core values for the school.

IV. Finance

A. Finance Report Update

Melanie Hok provided the finance report, sharing that there is continual underspending in both personnel and non-personnel costs.

V. Development and Communications

A. FY22-23 Fundraising update

Jasmin gave the development report, highlighting that a total of \$268k has been raised to date (including formal/verbiage pledge from PitCCH In), with \$82k remaining to be raised

to achieve the fundraising goal of \$350k. Assuming all board members achieve give/get goal of \$5k + continued Citibank donation, the remaining gap to fundraise is then reduced to \$50k. Jasmin further shared that there are additional identified grant funding opportunities that is pending and will be provided once more detail is available.

Finally, Jasmin mentioned that plans for a website redesign is pending proposals and reference checks from different agencies.

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 7:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Geisenheimer