



Bloom Academy Charter School

Minutes

Bloom Academy Monthly Board Meeting

August 2023

Date and Time

Tuesday August 8, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Location

Bloom Academy Charter School
3420 Almeda-Genoa Rd.
Houston, TX 77047

Notice of this lawfully convened board meeting was publicly posted online and on the main door of Bloom Academy's school building in accordance with all Texas state rules and regulations.

Directors Present

A. Harold, C. Douglas, J. Nunoo

Directors Absent

C. Milton, M. Douglas

Guests Present

B. Reiner, C. Sales, Charlisa Morisson, N. Jenkins-Morgan, Rodney Emilien

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Harold called a meeting of the board of directors of Bloom Academy Charter School to order on Tuesday Aug 8, 2023 at 6:49 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

C. Douglas made a motion to Approve minutes from the last meeting.

J. Nunoo seconded the motion.

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

II. Old Business

A. Superintendent Update

Courtney Sales provided the superintendent update. Enrollment is on track. Construction is on track and will be ready by the start of school. The STAAR test results are in and there is room for growth. The new leadership is motivated by the potential of growth.

Several new team members have been hired without pressure to fill positions but to be the right fit for the roles.

III. New Business

A. Introduction of New Team Members

Dr. Emilien and Dr. Morisson introduced themselves to the board. They shared their experience and goals with the board. Board members provided some words of advise and encouragement.

B. Review and Approval of BACS Staff Handbook

C. Douglas made a motion to Approve the BACS Staff Handbook.

J. Nunoo seconded the motion.

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

C. Review and Approval of BACS Family Handbook

C. Douglas made a motion to Approve the BACS Family Handbook.

J. Nunoo seconded the motion.

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

D. Review and Decision Regarding Senate Bill 763

The board had a robust discussion and determined that we will decline the statement of the bill. We believe persons hired for this position should be trained and certified for that position.

C. Douglas made a motion to decline the adoption of the Senate Bill 763.

J. Nunoo seconded the motion.

The board had a robust discussion and determined that we will decline the statement of the bill. We believe persons hired for this position should be trained and certified counselors in order to meet the needs of all persons of all backgrounds.

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

E. Review and Decision Regarding HB 3 Armed Guard

C. Douglas made a motion to Approve Mr. Larry Byrd as the armed guardian for BAC under the B 3 Armed Guard for 2023-24.

J. Nunoo seconded the motion.

The board extensively discussed the expectation for an armed security guard at the school. Ms. Sales had a conversation with him and based on his patience level, he seems to be a good fit for the position.

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

F. Review and Approval of TEKS Certification

C. Douglas made a motion to Approve the TEKS Certification.

J. Nunoo seconded the motion.

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

G. Review and Approval of LASO Technology Take Home Policy

C. Douglas made a motion to Approve the LASO Technology Take Home Policy.

J. Nunoo seconded the motion.

4th and 5th grade students will be taking home technology. The board discussed all the possible issues that may arise; however, we understand that students need to have the technology.

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

H. Review and Approval of Contracts Over \$20K

C. Douglas made a motion to approve Fendel as the cleaning crew.

J. Nunoo seconded the motion.

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

J. Nunoo made a motion to approve the purchase of furniture from GHOP.

C. Douglas seconded the motion.

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

I. Review and Sign Annual Conflict of Interest Forms

The board is required to sign this annually and so each board member will receive the document to review and sign after the meeting.

IV. Committee Updates

A. Academic Excellence Committee

B. Development Committee

C. Governance Committee

D. Finance Committee

E. Campus Safety Committee

The FBI will come for a 45minute free active shooter training for the school.

We may be able to get an ER doctor to do telemedicine calls for minor medical concerns.

V. 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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Douglas