

**Bronx Community Charter School
Board Meeting
September 24, 2012**

Attendance: Ariel Behr, Greg Lobo-Jost, Angel Crespo, Beverly Falk, Ed Valeriano, Roo Rogers, Cynthia Rogers, Martha Andrews

Announcements: The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 17th at 5 pm. This will be just before the Public Hearing (part of the Charter Renewal) on the 17th at 6:30 pm. Ariel Behr will present a candidate for Board membership. Board members are asked to think of other potential board members.

Updates: See attachment.

- A new technology teacher has been added to staff. A web-based program is being used with students needing support in math. This is very much in line with upcoming assessment modes.
- A part-time activism teacher has been added to staff.
- Charter Renewal: Martha and Sasha have written responses to the four key questions. They are developing an online tool/rubric based on the Marshall rubric for evaluating teachers. This will be shared at a future Board meeting.
- DoE Annual Site Visit Report : see attachment
- City Report Card: The Board expressed concerns regarding the grade and what it will mean in the renewal process. Martha and Sasha will reach out to the Office of Charter School Accountability and Support and to BxC families in the next few days.

Board Meeting schedule: The Monday schedule was proposed for 2012-13. Board members should review the current handouts before the next meeting on the 17th of October.

*Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Rogers
October 15, 2012*

**Bronx Community Charter School
Board Meeting
October 17, 2012**

Attendance: Ariel Behr, Greg Lobo-Jost, Robert Jain, Angel Crespo, Beverly Falk, Ed Valeriano, Roo Rogers, Cynthia Rogers, Rick Larios (DoE), Martha Andrews, Sasha Wilson

Agenda: The regular Board meeting will be immediately followed by a parent meeting and then a public hearing. Rick Larios from the Dept. of Education will sit in on the Board meeting and run the following parent meeting.

Updates:

- **Action Plan** (see handout): The Action Plan for 2012-13 has a goal to improve student achievement and growth as measured by the New York State tests. There are three distinct parts of the plans: 1. Fostering a culture of high expectations and accountability; 2. Sharpening the focus on data; 3. Implementing instructional shifts in literacy. Board member Beverly Falk is working with Sasha and Martha on how to align BxC curriculum with state standards. An early draft of this Action Plan was shared with BxC parents on Curriculum Night.
- **Finance Report:** BxC received a clean audit, and currently has assets of \$2.6 million.
- **Facility Report:** The roof has been set and plumbing risers are being installed on the new building.

At the request of Mr. Larios, the Board went into Executive Session and discussed the renewal process and the implementation of the action plan with him.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Rogers

**Bronx Community Charter School
Board Meeting
November 12, 2012**

Attendance: Ariel Behr, Beverly Falk, Ed Valeriano, Robert Jain, Cynthia Rogers, Sasha Wilson, Martha Andrews

Minutes: The minutes from the September 20th and October 17th Board Meetings were approved.

Updates:

- BxC is currently working with Achievement Network on assessing the 2nd-5th grades. Students have had two days of testing (90 minutes of ELA one day, and 90 minutes of Math the other day). Achievement Network is also working with Sasha and Martha, and then with the classroom teachers, on how to use the data to help students grow.
- Parent meetings were held to help with interpreting the common core standards and what the expectations are for students, what the school is doing, and what families can do at home.
- Sasha and Martha are working with teachers on the schedule to ensure there are consistent expectations for learning times across the school.
- Facilities: Work continues on the interior of the structure. The classrooms are framed out and the plumbing risers are in. An IT meeting has been scheduled and installation of the cables is scheduled for next week. The projected date for completion is end of December to early January. There is a proposal to have the board members visit the site on the next scheduled date (December 10, 2012). This may need to be an early meeting rather than the normally scheduled time.
- The Office of Charter Schools is due to make a decision on the renewal of BxC's charter in early-December.
- The Leadership Coach will be meeting with Martha and Sasha on November 13th.

The next Board meeting is December 10, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Rogers

Bronx Community Charter School
Board Meeting
December 10, 2012

Attendance: Ariel Behr, Beverly Falk, Greg Lobo-Jost, Roo Rogers, Angel Crespo, Martha Andrews, Sasha Wilson, Cynthia Rogers

Site Visit: Members of the Board toured the site for the new building, seeing both classroom floors and the roof.

Updates: (see handout)

Martha and Sasha will share assessment data with the board at the next meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Rogers

**Bronx Community Charter School
Board Meeting
January 14, 2013**

Attendance: Ariel Behr, Roo Rogers, Ed Valerian, Angel Crespo, Sasha Wilson, Martha Andrews, Beverly Falk, Robert Jain, Cynthia Rogers

Minutes: Minutes were approved from December 10, 2012

Updates: (see handout)

- There is a proposal to hold the next Board meeting on February 8, 2013, which is the same day as the Performing Arts Night for BXCC. This will be at Lehman College's Levinger Theater. The Board meeting would start at 4 pm, followed by the student performances from 6-9 pm.
- Board member Greg Lobo-Jost is officially discontinuing as a Board member. He and his family continue as members of the BXCC community.
- The Board of Regents is suggesting a 6th month extension (through the end of the school year) for all schools.
- Budget: see handout
- Academic progress (see letter): In February, the performance benchmarks will be shared in February.

Next meeting: Friday, February 8, 2013

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Rogers

**Bronx Community Charter School
Board Meeting
February 11, 2013**

Attendance: Ariel Behr, Roo Rogers, Beverly Falk, Robert Jain, Martha Andrews, Cynthia Rogers, Ed Valeriano

Minutes: The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Update from A-Net: Mike Guinan from the Achievement Network discussed data from interim exams taken by 2nd-5th graders at BxC. The data from A-Net is to be used to help guide instruction. It helps teachers to develop an action plan for the re-teaching of skills based on the results of the practice assessments. Data is organized and returned by A-Net very quickly. After each interim test, teachers and administrators have a Data Day in which they focus on the results from the interim tests and create the action plans.

Potential Board member: The Board was introduced to Daniel Osorio, a candidate to join the Board.

Updates:

- The Board discussed correspondence from the UFT (United Federation of Teachers).
- New building: Classroom walls are in place, kitchen insulation is installed. The move to the new building is projected for the end of the school year.
- There has been an outpouring of support for Sasha and Kendra and their family from the BxC community during this period of loss and mourning. Sasha will be returning to work on Thursday, February 14th.
- The Education Committee (Beverly and Cynthia) has been asked to look into two recent suspensions and the parents' request to appeal. They will have a follow-up meeting with Martha and report back to the Board.

Next meeting: The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2013

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Rogers

**Bronx Community Charter School
Board Meeting
March 11, 2013**

Attendance: Ariel Behr, Angel Crespo, Robert Jain, Daniel Osorio, Ed Valeriano

Guests: Martha Andrews, Sasha Wilson, Chris Whitney (BxC teacher)

Minutes: The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

Board of Regents: Sasha updated the Board on the Regents consideration of BxC's charter renewal, and the expectation that the Regents will vote at their April meeting.

Martha gave an academic update

Sasha gave a budget update, informing the Board that the delays in construction are leading to a larger than anticipated surplus at the end of the year. The Board encouraged Martha and Sasha to think broadly about how to use that money to most effectively implement the action plan and increase student achievement.

Other: Chris Whitney asked about the Board about whether there was movement on the question of recognizing a UFT chapter at BxC. Ariel stated that the Board was supportive of the staff of the school and the collaboration that happens between administrators and other staff, and that the Board is retaining an attorney in order to move ahead on the question of recognition. She also stated that the Board has taken time to move carefully on this matter, but does not want that to be seen as a lack of support.

Next meeting: The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2013

Respectfully submitted by Sasha Wilson

**Bronx Community Charter School
Board Meeting
April 8, 2013**

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Attendance: Ariel Behr, Beverly Falk, Robert Jain, Daniel Osorio, Ed Valeriano, Cynthia Rogers, Martha Andrews

New Board member, Daniel Osorio was introduced.

Minutes: Minutes from the March 11th meeting were approved.

Updates: (see handout)

- **Board of Regents visit:** Representatives from the Board of Regents will be visiting BxC on April 10, 2013 from 9-10am. This will be an opportunity for BxC to share assessment data and how the school is working towards meeting goals.
- **Action Plan/Internal Assessments:** BxC is working towards more systematic assessment methods and using the data to measure student achievement. The co-directors continue to work with consultant Laurie Pendleton to refine methods for data collection and use.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13th.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Rogers

Bronx Community Charter School

Board Meeting

May 13, 2013

Attendance: Ariel Behr, Beverly Falk, Roo Rogers, Bobby Jain, Ed Valeriano

Guests: Martha Andrews, Sasha Wilson

Minutes: The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Codirector Evaluations: Ed informed the Board that evaluations of the CoDirectors are underway. Consultant Christina Kennedy has been engaged to complete them and compile them.

Sasha updated the board that Negotiations with the UFT have begun.

Sasha notified the Board that the construction inspection for the UFT had occurred earlier in the day and that we expect to move into our new facility at the end of June.

Martha gave an academic update.

Next meeting: The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10th, 2013

Respectfully submitted by Ariel Behr

Minutes for the previous meeting were approved

Bronx Community Charter School

Board Meeting

June 10, 2013

Attendance: Ariel Behr, Beverly Falk, Ed Valeriano, Daniel Ossorio, Bobby Jain, Cynthia Rogers

Guests: Sasha Wilson, Martha Andrews, BxC parent Stephanie Woo

Minutes: Minutes from the May 13, 2013 meeting were approved.

Budget: The Board will vote to approve the FY13 budget by June 30th.

Action Plan: Consultant Laurie Pendleton will increase her work with the co-directors. There is a suggestion that she meet with the Board to talk about her consultant work and her own assessment. BxC will continue with the four cycles of assessments with the Achievement Network, along with Kaplan test prep for students after school and math classes on Saturdays.

UFT: Negotiations are ongoing, with a second session scheduled for June 25, 2013. The goal is for a contract to be finalized and signed by the beginning of the 2013-14 school year.

New facility: The new building is complete, and a majority of the necessary inspections has been passed. The facilities committee is in the process of negotiating the rent rebates from the developer resulting from delays in completion.

Next meeting: The next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for the end of August, after the results from the state exams are available.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Rogers