

## **Bronx Community Charter School**

### **Board Meeting**

**October 11, 2013**

**Attendance:** Ariel Behr, Daniel Osorio, Robert Jain, Beverly Falk, Stephanie Woo, Matha Andrews, Cynthia Rogers

**Minutes:** Minutes from June 10, 2013 meeting were approved, adding an addendum that the fiscal year budget was also approved by a vote after the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Updates: (see attached)** Ed Valeriano moved to Geneva, Switzerland this past summer and will no longer be a Board member.

**UFT:** Final negotiations will happen the week of October 15<sup>th</sup>. The major focus: salary, increases, and work rules.

**State Test:** (see attached data report): The grade for the DoE report is due soon.

**Education Committee:** A suggestion was made for the education committee to meet in November with Laurie Pendleton.

**Opening Activities:** Bronx Community Charter hosted an all-school opening museum in the newly opened facility. In attendance were Board members, soon-to-be City Councilmember Andrew Cohen, State Assemblymember Mark Gjonaj, Donna Drayton from the office of State Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson, CEO the NYC Charter Schools Center James Merriman, DoE cohort leader Rick Larios, and parents and friends of Bronx Community Charter. The entire school was turned into a museum with students from every grade as the docents.

**Next meeting:** The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 5 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Rogers*

**Bronx Community Charter  
Board Meeting  
November 13, 2013**

**Attendance:** Ariel Behr, Roo Rogers, Stephanie Woo, Beverly Falk, Daniel Osorio, Cynthia Rogers, Sasha Wilson, Martha Andrews

**Minutes:** Minutes from October were approved.

**Progress Report:** BxC received a score of **B**. Substantive things will be kept in place: specific goals in students' progress reports, continued work with Achievement Network and Kaplan. Concerns about the 4<sup>th</sup> grade math scores were raised since these were the only ones which did not exceed the district scores. BxC has increased the number of intervention teachers and they are collaborating with classroom teachers to serve students who are struggling academically.

BxC is arranging for Laurie Pendleton to come to the next Board meeting (date to be announced)

**Budget:** (see attachment) BxC made first rent payment on the new space on for October 2013. There was a request from the Board to see the actual assets of the school. With Ed Valeriano leaving the Board, there is a need to reconfigure the Finance Committee.

**UFT:** Negotiations are ongoing and productive. The school and UFT are negotiating a salary scale. Once the contract has been negotiated, it will need to be approved by the Board and by the UFT chapter at BxC.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 4 at 9:00 am, at Bronx Community Charter

*Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Rogers*

# **Bronx Community Charter School**

## **Board Meeting**

**December 4, 2013**

**Attendance:** Ariel Behr, Daniel Osorio, Beverly Falk, Stephanie Woo, Martha Andrews, Sasha Wilson, Roo Rogers

**Minutes:** Minutes from November 13, 2013 were approved.

**Updates:** (see attached)

**Interim Board Chair:** The Board approved Daniel Osorio to serve as Interim Board Chair during Ariel's maternity leave.

### **Leadership/Data Coach Discussion:**

Questions the board is hoping Laurie Pendelton can help us answer:

- How does our grade actually represent progress and effectiveness?
- What should the board be monitoring?
- What can the board do to better preview what might happen with the state tests?

### **UFT:**

The salary scale is still being negotiated, but the school and the UFT have reached agreement on most other issues.

### **Board Goals/Board Discussion:**

In 2014, we need to build our Board. Roles could potentially include:

- Attorney
- Treasurer/Accountant
- An expert in educational data/working in today's testing environment

What is the role of a sustaining Board?

How can we deepen the Board's understanding of the mission/vision of our school?

Where do we want to be as a school in 10 years?

How can the Board support the school to develop institutional partnerships that support our work?

**New Board Members- process:**

- Visit the school
- Meet with Board members
- Vote at a Board meeting

We have a few promising potential Board members who have visited the school, and Ariel and Daniel will arrange for them to meet with Board members.

**Bronx Community Charter School  
Board Meeting  
January 10, 2014**

**Attendance:** Ariel Behr, Daniel Osorio, Beverly Falk, Cynthia Rogers, Sasha Wilson, Martha Andrews, Guest: Laurie Pendleton

**Minutes:** The minutes from December 4, 2013 were approved.

**Laurie Pendleton Presentation: (see handout)** Ms. Pendleton gave a PowerPoint presentation with a goal to put the collected data on testing into a perspective for the Board. Her job is to look at the overall data and work with Sasha and Martha as a leadership coach.

The Board's goals should be to understand the assessments, understand the targets, and monitor the actual progress. A comparison of last year's results with the current data is helpful. The Board is interested in seeing information on student progress on a quarterly basis, and wants to know *how* this information can help the co-directors. Laurie and the co-directors will draft a data dashboard for the Board's review.

**UFT:** Work continues on the contract, and the school and the UFT hope to have an agreement by the February Board meeting.

**Next Board meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2014**

*Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Rogers*

**Bronx Community Charter School  
Board Meeting  
February 10, 2014**

**Attendance:** Daniel Osorio, Stephanie Woo, Beverly Falk, Roo Rogers, Cynthia Rogers, Martha Andrews, Sasha Wilson

**Minutes:** Minutes from January 10, 2014 were approved.

**School Performance Data:** (see handout and graphs) Martha presented data on internal assessments of Third, Fourth, and Fifth grades. The Board was positive about the dashboard that Martha presented, and the information it provided. Data from September-January will be reviewed at the next Board meeting in March.

**UFT:** (see handouts) The Board ratified the school's contract with the UFT.

**Updates:** (see handout)

**Next meeting:** The next Board meeting will be at 5 pm, on Monday, March 24, 2014 at Bronx Community Charter School.

*Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Rogers*

**Bronx Community Charter School  
Board Meeting  
March 24, 2014**

**Attendance:** Daniel Osorio, Beverly Falk, Stephanie Woo, Roo Rogers, Cynthia Rogers, Gil Schmerler, Martha Andrews, Sasha Wilson

**Minutes:** Minutes from February 10, 2014 were approved.

**Board Update:** After a unanimous vote, three new Board members were added; Gil Schmerler, Yomara Hernandez-Greene, and Noah Doyle are the newest members of the Board. They bring a combination of financial, business and educational experience to Bronx Community Charter. The Board raised questions: What should be the official time limit/term for Board members? What would be the ideal number of Board members?

**Updates:** see handout

Bronx Community Charter has joined a coalition of community based charter schools.

Surveys: The Board discussed reviewing family and staff survey data.

Beverly Falk has suggested that Bronx Community Charter think of working with a person who does climate studies of schools. Her daughter works in this field and may be able to provide advice.

Next scheduled meeting is Monday, May 5 at 5 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Rogers*

**Bronx Community Charter School  
Board Meeting  
May 5, 2014**

**Attendance:** Daniel Osorio, Ariel Behr, Beverly Falk, Noah Doyle, Gil Schmerler, Martha Andrews, Sasha Wilson

**Minutes:** Minutes from March 24, 2014 were approved.

**Demonstration of Learning:** Daniel and Beverly each spoke about the deep learning that students demonstrated at the Lenape Museum that they both attended. They spoke about students' ownership of their learning, the clear ways that they presented, their preparedness (including sheets they had created for visitors of different ages), and their collaboration.

**Updates:** See handout

**Schedule:** Martha and Daniel will work with the Board to set two dates for meetings before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Board Meeting**  
**Bronx Community Charter School**  
**June 16, 2014**

**Attendance:** Noah Doyle, Beverly Falk, David Osorio, Cynthia Rogers, Gil Schmerler, Stephanie Woo, Martha Andrews, Sasha Wilson

**Minutes:** The minutes from the May 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were approved.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Work Expo:** Board members attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Work Expo, and shared their impressions on the hard work, perseverance, and reflections of the students. Students were passionate and articulate about their various research projects.

**Budget:** Co-Directors presented the actual budget for FY14 alongside the Board-approved budget. Actual revenue was \$37,000 higher than projected, while actual expenses were \$99,000 lower than projected. The Board also discussed a draft of the FY15 budget and suggested revisions.

**Updates:** (see handout)

This year's testing results will be available in August.

The new budget will be submitted for approval by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Board has asked the co-directors to create a "wish list" of projects, needs, and resources for the upcoming year.

Daniel Osorio proposed the idea of a Board retreat for sometime in September

*Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Rogers*

**Board Meeting**  
**Bronx Community Charter School**  
**June 29, 2014**

**Attendance:** Ariel Behr, Roo Rogers, Noah Doyle, Beverly Falk, Daniel Osorio, Cynthia Rogers, Gil Schmerler, Stephanie Woo, Martha Andrews, Sasha Wilson

**FY15 Budget:** The Board reviewed and approved the school's budget for FY16.

**Budget Projections:** The Board looked at two different versions of projections, one projecting the school continuing to be K-5 and one that budgets for K-8. The Board used these projections as context for the discussion of the FY15 budget.

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