

Bronx Community Charter School

Board Meeting

September 8, 2014

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

Minutes: Minutes from the June 16, 2014 Board meeting were approved.

Updates & Announcements:

- There will be 10 board meetings scheduled for the 2014-15 school year.
- Board files will be shared by Drop Box.
- Ariel Behr will set up one-on-one meetings with each board member to set this year's individual goals.
- Noah Doyle has connected Bronx Community Charter with "Schools That Can," a collaborative network of charter, district, and private schools.
- Martha Andrews and Sasha Wilson shared this year's test results. Tests scores were better than they've ever been.
- Bronx Community Charter graduates are going to mainly four local middle schools. These are schools where they will feel safe and continue their learning. However, the co-directors worry about their new schools continue the type of thinking and collaboration they are accustomed to experiencing at Bronx Community Charter.
- October 10, from 9-11 am the entire school will share their research on the Bronx River and turn the entire school into a "Bronx River Museum."
- Upcoming board discussion will focus on charter renewal

BxC Middle School: The Board discussed pros and cons of applying to extend BxC to the middle school grades. The co-directors will submit a recommendation to the Board by 10/31.

Board Activity: Board members participated in a learning activity. Looking at a variety of information about the Bronx River, the board presented captions to describe historic data and photos of Bronx River life. The essential question was "How have humans affected the Bronx River?"

Next scheduled meeting: Friday, October 10 from 9-11 am (This will include time to visit the Bronx River all-school museum)

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Rogers

Board Meeting
Bronx Community Charter School
October 10, 2014

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

River Study Museum: The Board met briefly and then participated in the Bronx River Museum created by all of the students in the school.

Board Meeting
Bronx Community Charter School
November 13, 2014

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

Minutes: The minutes from October 10th were approved.

Charter Renewal: The Board voted to apply for an extension to grades 6-8 in the school's charter renewal application.

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Board Meeting

January 20, 2015

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

Department of Education visit: Gabrielle Mosquera of the Dept. of Education sat in on the Board meeting. Board members introduced themselves and gave their roles and length of time on the Board.

Minutes: The minutes from December 11, 2014 were approved.

Updates (see attached):

- Middle school applications for current 5th graders continue.
- Parent knitting club started on January 20th. This was well attended and was a great example of collaborative learning among adults in the school community.
- Assessment data was shared. Students have taken the second round of Achievement-Network (A-Net) tests, with strong results. There is a proposal to introduce the assessment in spring of 2nd grade to expose them to standardized testing format.

Budget (see attached chart): The Board reviewed the summary of the budget from 2014-15 and projection for 2015-16. Questions raised were:

- What are enrollment trends? (In general ed. and special ed., and how that may impact the allocated budget per student)
- What are building expenses?

Next Board meeting: (To be announced) Ariel Behr will notify the Board of the next meeting date. It is hoped to coordinate this with the Dept. of Ed. community meeting in late February.

Respectfully submitted: Cynthia Rogers

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Board Meeting

February 12, 2015

Attendance: Ariel Behr, Daniel Osorio, Stephanie Woo, Noah Doyle, Cynthia Rogers, Martha Andrews, Sasha Wilson

Public Hearing: The Board met briefly, then attended the public hearing.

Next Board meeting: Monday, April 6th

Respectfully submitted: Cynthia Rogers

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Board Meeting

March 10, 2015

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

February Minutes: The Board approved the minutes from February.

Charter Renewal: The Board discussed the DoE's renewal visit and public hearing, and the timeline for the school's renewal.

Chancellor's Visit: The co-directors shared the news that Chancellor Fariña will visit BxC on 4/21.

Next Board meeting: Monday, April 6th

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April 6, 2015

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

February Minutes: The Board approved the minutes from March.

Charter Renewal: The Board discussed the school's renewal process and the planning for 6th grade this fall, pending the recommendation from the DoE and the approval of the Board of Regents.

Chancellor's Visit: The co-directors discussed Chancellor Fariña's upcoming visit to BxC.

Next Board meeting: Monday, May 26, 2015

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May 26, 2015

Attendance: Ariel Behr, Beverly Falk, Daniel Osorio, Gil Schmerler, Stephanie Woo, Martha Andrews, Sasha Wilson

Minutes: The Board approved the minutes from April.

Charter Renewal: The Board discussed the school's charter renewal and plans for the middle school.

Next Board meeting: Thursday, June 25, 2015

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June 25, 2015

Minutes

Attendance: Ariel Behr, Roo Rogers, Beverly Falk, Gil Schmerler, Stephanie Woo, Martha Andrews, Sasha Wilson

April Minutes: The Board approved the minutes from April.

FY2016 Budget: The Board reviewed and approved the FY2016 budget.

Middle School Discussion: Sasha and Martha presented a “Day in the life of Zahara” a fictional student entering 6th grade at BxC as well as a “Middle School Facts” handout.

UFT Contract: The previous UFT contract was coterminous with the previous Charter Agreement. As we are entering a new Charter Agreement with the NYC DOE, we have a revised UFT contract as well. The revised contract was approved by the Board and signed by the Chair.