

## **Bronx Community Charter School**

### **Board Meeting**

**September 26, 2016**

**Attending:** Ariel Behr, Beverly Falk, Gil Schmerler, Sasha Wilson, Martha Andrews, Cynthia Rogers

#### **Updates & Announcements:**

- Ariel Behr will take maternity leave in February. The Board will need an acting Chair during that time.
- There will be a new parent Representative to the Board, selected by BxC families. Stephanie Woo is ending her 3 year term.
- Joel Rivera is a new candidate for the Board. Board members will vote in October.
- Bronx Community Charter has hired a new Youth Development Coordinator, whose job includes high school placement, advisory, and restorative practices.
- Bronx Community Charter won the appeal for funding for Middle School students. These funds will go towards rent and the new facilities.
- Afterschool: Through city funding of \$270,000, all 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade students whose families apply get afterschool for free. Dance, technology, sports, and jazz band are some of the offerings.

**Assessment:** (see charts and graphs) The school will continue to use ANet assessments, F and P assessments, and informal classroom assessments. Intervention teachers will work in each classroom during their targeted academic support time. More time and attention will be given to use the established curriculum to match kids' needs. The school will deepen the ways they provide feedback to students so that they can see and strive for their own growth. Families will receive more feedback about student academic progress throughout the year. There will be weekly student progress/support meetings with every classroom team.

#### **Bronx Community Charter Survey: (See NYC School Survey Report and year over year summary)**

The report shared responses of students, parents, and staff. All categories had a positive response of 90% or higher.

**Budget:** (see handout)

**Next Meeting:** 10:00 am, Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, at the school. This will be the River Museum Event.

*Respectfully submitted: Cynthia Rogers*

## **Board of Trustees**

Minutes: October 28, 2016 10:00am

In attendance: Ariel Behr, Noah Doyle, Gil Schmerler, Beverly Falk (Martha Andrews and Sasha Wilson)

1. Introductions to Mike Akavan, potential board member
2. Approval of September minutes
3. Exploration of the BxC mission through student-led Bronx River Museum

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**November 9, 2016 10:00am**

**Present: Ariel Behr, Noah Doyle, Gil Schmerler, Beverly Falk, Martha Andrews, Sasha Wilson**

1. October minutes were approved.
2. Debrief of Bronx River Museum: The board discussed the media coverage, the impact of changing the venue of the museum on kids' learning, and the level of family engagement at the event.
3. Board Growth: The board reviewed the bios and backgrounds of Mike Akavan and Joel Rivera. Both have been to prior board meetings. The board voted to invite each of them to join the board. Martha and Sasha described the process of identifying a new family representative to join.
4. Discussion: Middle School Topics- John and Antoinette, the Co-Directors of our Middle School are joining us to share about the middle school in December. What would you like to hear about from them? The board would like to hear about the successes and challenges of the year so far, the work being done in relation to the high school process, and the new after school program.



## **Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

**December 16, 2016**

**Present:** Ariel Behr, Noah Doyle, Mike Akavan, Beverly Falk, Gil Schmerler, Melissa Serrano, Martha Andrews, Sasha Wilson

November minutes were voted on and approved.

Dashboard review and upcoming events: We discussed upcoming community events MLK Jr. Day of Action and Inauguration Day Anti-Bias Activism and the technology work that Christy has done with the Department of Education.

Assessment discussion: We looked at longitudinal reading assessment data and discussed implications. Martha will follow up with a cohort analysis.

Finance discussion: We discussed the projected to actual budget as is stands in December 2016.

Middle School: Co-Directors of the Middle School, Antoinette Bradley and John Kruger joined the board to share about the successes, challenges, and next steps for the middle school. A particular highlight was the ways that family conferences are entirely run by students. A videographer documented a number of conferences this past November to use both internally and externally.

Bronx Community Charter School  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
January 18, 2017

Participants: Ariel Behr, Noah Doyle, Daniel Osorio, Melissa Serrano, Gil Schmerler, Beverly Falk, Michael Akavan, Joel Rivera, Sasha Wilson, and Martha Andrews

Minutes:

1. December minutes were reviewed, voted on, and approved.
2. Dashboard questions/updates:
  - Discussion included:
    - Enrollment numbers and the impact of the bubble classes on the current facility.
    - December attendance rates and the impact of winter illnesses on student attendance.
    - Assessment work: The February meeting will include a long range cohort analysis of internal reading data and a summary of this year's Achievement Network data.
3. Finance Review:
  - Origin of the rental income was discussed.
4. Disciplinary Matter:
  - A discussion of an upcoming formal disciplinary hearing was held. It's our first formal hearing. Gil Schmerler will serve as the hearing officer.

Bronx Community Charter School

Board of Trustees Meeting

February 28, 2017

**Attendance:** Noah Doyle, Daniel Osorio, Melissa Serrano, Gil Schmerler, Michael Akavan, Cynthia Rogers, Martha Andrews, Sasha Wilson

The Board thanked and welcomed Noah Doyle as acting Chair during Ariel Behr's maternity leave.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

**Dashboard: (see dashboard handout)** Upcoming standardized testing: ELA at the end of March; Math at the beginning of May. BxCC work with ANet continues to be consistent. This year the prep focus is on essay writing, working on rubrics and giving students actual scored feedback.

**Updates:**

- 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Spring of 2018 there will be a celebration of Bronx Community Charter's tenth year and 1<sup>st</sup> class of graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This will be an opportunity to spread word of the great work over the last decade. It will highlight the young people who have grown up at BxCC through their stories. A suggestion was made to bring in a professional communications firm to work on publicity, journals, and local media. A subcommittee of board members will brainstorm these ideas and present at a future board meeting. Gil Schmerler, Michael Akavan, and Melissa Serrano expressed interest in being on the subcommittee.
- Financial Report: (see financial report handout) The school's finances are in good shape, with more money in the service contract line of the report. This puts the school \$47,500 ahead of where it was projected for this point in the fiscal year. It is hoped to end the year in the black.

**Next Board Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am, at Bronx Community Charter School.

*Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Rogers*

Bronx Community Charter School  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
March 21, 2017, 10am  
Minutes

Present: Noah Doyle, Daniel Osorio, Michael Akavan, Beverly Falk, Gil Schmerler,  
Melissa Serano, Joel Rivera, Martha Andrews, and Sasha Wilson

1. February minutes were approved
2. Dashboard questions and discussion- discussed a sensitive on-going student discipline issue concerning one fifth grade student.
3. Assessment discussion and summer planning- looked at internal reading data across time by cohort and discussed the impact of summer slide on overall reading growth. Discussed actions we've taken in the past to address this concern and plans to run a different kind of summer program for four weeks this summer. We will pilot this program with current third and fourth graders; grades where students have the most trouble making up for summer slide.
4. Finance report – reviewed projected to actual budget to date.

Bronx Community Charter School  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
April 25, 2017

Participants: Noah Doyle, Daniel Osorio, Melissa Serrano, Gil Schmerler, Michael Akavan, Sasha Wilson, and Martha Andrews

Minutes:

1. March minutes were reviewed, voted on, and approved.
2. Dashboard questions/updates:  
Discussion included:
  - Admissions lottery
  - Community Council meeting about the gender spectrum and the school's stance towards protecting all students' rights
  - State testing timing
  - Plan for summer programming for current 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders
3. Finance Review
4. RFP for PR firms to support the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary event

Bronx Community Charter School  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 19, 2017

Participants: Noah Doyle, Daniel Osorio, Melissa Serrano, Gil Schmerler, Michael Akavan, Joel Rivera, Sasha Wilson, and Martha Andrews

Minutes:

1. April minutes were reviewed, voted on, and approved.
2. Dashboard questions/updates:
3. Finance Review
4. June 15 preview: Student work expo; board business; PR consultant presentations
5. RFP discussion: Discussion of possible contacts; need to further to develop our end goal/vision for this work. Michael, Melissa, and Daniel volunteered to be part of calls with potential bidders.

Bronx Community Charter School  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 15, 2017

Participants: Noah Doyle, Daniel Osorio, Melissa Serrano, Gil Schmerler, Michael Akavan, Joel Rivera, Sasha Wilson, and Martha Andrews

Minutes:

1. May minutes were reviewed, voted on, and approved.
2. Dashboard questions/updates: discussion of restorative discipline practices and results, especially in middle school; discussion of staffing for the coming year
3. Finance Review: Discussion of budget surplus. Board members will pass questions to Sasha; the board will vote on the budget by June 23.
4. Sid Dinsay presented in response to our RFP around supporting the school's public relations work.