

Bronx Community Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 21, 2017

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

Minutes:

1. Dashboard questions/updates- discussion of assessment data and discussion of screening of documentary at City College
2. Interview with Vijay Kurkul, potential board member; vote to approve Vijay's participation.
3. Finance and audit report
4. Discussion with Dini Von Mueffling regarding her firm's proposal for 6 months of PR work; vote to approve proposal and move forward.
5. Closed session re: executive compensation
6. Visit to the Bronx River Museum celebration

Bronx Community Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 8, 2017

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

Minutes:

October Minutes were voted on and approved.

Dashboard overview and discussion, with a highlight on student enrollment stats- page 4.

School-related updates discussed:

- We are partnering with a program at Lehman College for teachers to take the course work to get ELL extensions on their licenses for free... which will greatly increase our capacity to support English Language Learners.
- 4th, 5th, and 6th graders have all gone on their overnight trips. 7th grade will be headed to DC in May and we confirmed plans for 8th grade to go to Puerto Rico in May.

- Board business that was discussed:

- Dini and her colleagues spend most of Wednesday at school, getting know the school.
- Cynthia is stepping down after MANY years of support and service (not to mention note-taking...) We will prepare something to honor her service. We need a secretary.
- We'd like to do some figuring out about recruiting an educator or community organizer to join the board to fill Cynthia's shoes. Anyone with suggestions should send names and contact info to: Ariel, Noah and Martha

Minutes- December 12, 2017

In attendance:

Ariel, Beverly, Noah, Michael, Melissa, Noah, Gil, Daniel, Sasha, and Martha

Approval of November minutes.

Dashboard discussion- question about discipline stats

A few middle school highlights to share:

Everyone's HS applications are filed. Our Youth Development Coordinator met with every family multiple times to navigate the system. We will learn more in

Each 8th grader has selected a culminating project that range from running a blood drive to teaching younger kids coding to painting a mural to designing a weather station on the roof. We plan to have kids "present" their projects to a panel in May and June. (We will circulate dates/times and encourage board members to participate.)

Puerto Rico trip for 8th grade is still on schedule.

Are there any items people would like to see on the agenda for January?

- Beverly will invite Yasmin Morales to the week of January 8 to visit the school and we will invite her to the January meeting. Her resume/bio will circulate before the January meeting.

REMINDER- Next meeting: Thursday, January 18 @ 9:00 In person at BxC

Bronx Community Charter School
Board Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2018

In attendance:

Ariel, Beverly, Noah, Michael, Noah, Gil, Vijay, Sasha, and Martha

December minutes were approved

Dashboard review and updates

Board business

- potential new member- Yasmin Morales- profile overview and discussion of next steps for her board membership
- officer positions- Michael Akavan was elected secretary
- committees- Gil Schmerler will be the lead on the Executive Compensation Committee

Finance review

- There was a discussion about the current cash on hand. It was agreed that Martha and Sasha would work with the board to identify priorities for the school and make a proposal for how the money could be spent.

New Business

- There was a discussion about initiating a study to track our graduates as they get older.

School tour

- We went to kindergarten, fourth grade, and eighth grade classrooms to see the school in action. We discussed the engagement of kids, the ways the teachers were working closely with small groups or

Bronx Community Charter School
Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2018

In attendance: Ariel, Beverly, Daniel, Noah, Michael,

January minutes approved

Board Meeting March 20, 2018

9:00 AM

Minutes

In attendance: Noah Doyle, Ariel Behr, Michael Akavan, Daniel Osorio, Beverly Falk, Gil Schmerler, Sasha Wilson, Martha Andrews

February minutes voted on and approved.

Dashboard discussion focused on HS acceptances.

Discussion of potential spending priorities in 5 general categories:

Supporting Academic Growth for ELL Students and Other Struggling Learners	Supporting Students' Physical and Mental Health	Providing Opportunities to Expand Kids' Horizons	Supporting and Tracking Our Graduates	Retaining and Taking Care of Our Staff
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Discussion of Yasmin Morales's candidacy to join the board.

Yasmin's membership approved by a vote from the board.

Board Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2018

In attendance: Ariel Behr, Noah Doyle, Beverly Falk, Gil Schmerler, Michael Akavan, Daniel Osorio, Yasmin Morales, Melissa Serano, Martha Andrews, Sasha Wilson

9:00 Vote on minutes from March

9:05 Dashboard review- Martha

Discussion focused on attendance statistics and staffing profile as well as hiring for the coming year.

We will be offering a summer program for students finishing 1st-5th grade, in collaboration with the Bank Street literacy program and SpEd graduate program.

9:15 Finance discussion- Finance Committee and Sasha

We will go ahead with the personnel expenses of hiring a second ELL teacher, a teacher to work with the director of student support, and an additional social worker.

The executive compensation committee will make recommendations for board approval prior to the May 10 call.

Items for future discussion:

Recreation space (\$800K)

Expanding our summer programming

9:45 Calendaring end of year events- Martha

The board and their friends are invited to a 10th Birthday Celebration on May 24. Invitations will come soon.

There are six days between May 30-June 11 when 8th graders are presenting their final projects. Board members are welcome to sign up for the panels. A google doc will be distributed.

Volunteer for next month's notetaking is...

Board Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2018, 8:30 AM

In attendance: Yasmin, Gil, Beverly, Ariel, Daniel, Michael, Martha

Minutes:

April minutes were approved

Dashboard:

Discussion of High School enrollment, lottery and enrollment

- Add demographics to dashboard- race and ethnicity, FRP, Current special education numbers

May 24 event-

6:00-7:00 STEAM Fest Exploration

7:00-8:00 Board gathering- telling the story of the school

Board of Trustees Meeting
June 18, 2018 1:00

In attendance: Ariel Behr, Gil Schmerler, Michael Akavan, Daniel Ossorio, Yasmin Morales, Sasha Wilson, Martha Andrews

1. May minutes were approved.

2. Leadership discussion:

Ariel and Noah are stepping down as board co-chairs. Ariel has been in board leadership through our first two renewals and feels that this year when our school is fully grown and truly in sustaining mode, it's a sensible time to shift leadership. Gil was nominated as Interim Acting Chair. There was unanimous approval.

3. Budget discussion:

Discussion of how cash on hand is being handed down.

Discussion of how we will develop a conservative securities investment plan.

2018-19 Budget was approved by a unanimous vote.

4. Looking forward:

Summer survey to create committees for the coming school year.