Bronx Community Charter School Board Meeting

February 6, 2012

Present: Ariel Behr, Greg Lobo-Jost, Beverly Falk, Ed Valeriano, Angel Crespo, Roo Rogers, Robert Jain, Cynthia Rogers, Sasha Wilson, Martha Andrews

Minutes: The minutes from December 5, 2011 and January 9, 2012 meetings were approved.

Upcoming Board Meetings: The Board meeting scheduled for Monday, April 2, 2012, will address the Board's role in finance and fundraising.

A suggestion was made to change the current schedule of meetings from Mondays to Tuesdays. Ariel will survey Board members electronically.

Board members also committed to trying to make an on-site visit to Bronx Community Charter before June. Trustees will contact Sasha or Martha to set up visits.

Updates:

- The Annual visit from the Office of Charter Schools of the DoE will be Tuesday, March 6, 2012. This will be a full day visit, and Ariel Behr will join.
- Spring Break 2012: testing is scheduled for immediately following the vacation. As a result BxC has switched dates of the actual break. Days off will be staggered. 3rd and 4th grades will do testing and then go on break. K-2nd grades will have their break first. BxC will be offering child care for families that have children in both sections of the school and can't make other arrangements. Staff will be on spring break on a staggered basis as well.
- Facilities: Work continues on the site, and it is most likely that it will not be ready in time for September 2012. BxC is renewing its lease for its current sites. New classes will be added, and space will be very tight in the fall. The push will be to occupy the new site by January 2013 at the latest, and there will be financial incentives for the general contractor to get this done.
- The current Director of Finance is resigning.
- Congratulations were expressed for the Performance Arts Night that took place at Lehman College. There was an excellent turnout of students and families. Two Board members attended, and talked about what a wonderful performance it was.
- The Board expressed thanks to Carola Jain for her input and work with the Board.
- There was a discussion about the situation of a new BxC student who has been suspended multiple times already this year.

Parent Complaints/Concerns: The Board is working on a formalized process for responding to and investigating parental complaints.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 5, 2012 at 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Rogers