

Bronx Community Charter School

Board of Trustees Meeting

November 26, 2018

9:00-11:00

Minutes

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

Guests: Richard Peng and Siwol Chang

Vote on October minutes- October minutes were approved.

Dashboard review/ discussion-

- Discussion around discipline and process for determining in school vs out of school suspension.
- Discussion around staffing in MS math. These people who want to have an impact on urban math learning... creating a “middle school math chair”—how can we creatively use our budget to generate a bigger pool of candidates...

Finance updates-

- Phil Perkins of the Perkins Malo Hunter Foundation visited recently and provided \$45K grant to support the ways we are increasing resources to address our instructional needs around math
- Noah introduced Daniel to a fund manager from Morgan Stanley- short term vehicles- one with Morgan Stanley (2% per annum); one with Lord Abbot (2.3% per annum)- very liquid; low risk. Both vehicles could be a first step into beginning an investment portfolio. In real numbers, this would be an increase from 3K to 23K per year. Sasha will check in with authorizers; Martha will reach out to other schools to hear about their investment plans; Daniel will find a few other candidates as well.

Introduction of Siwol and Richard, students from Columbia Business School who are going to be working on a project for the school this year. Initial idea: having a means to aggregate data in a way that is easy to access... we’ve revised that idea. They will provide an overview of how schools that recently went through the renewal process

Action plan updates (Martha and Sasha)

Assessment discussion: We examined and discussed the initial round of EdVista data. We are taking measures that we anticipate will result in improvements in the next round, which we will examine in February.