



BRONX ACADEMY OF PROMISE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD
March 24, 2026

Location: In Person

Present: Chairman Rev. Michael Carrion, Agatha Akyere, Carlibi Rojas, Milca Meyer, Glenn Corwin, and Principal Nicholas Parrino **Excused:** Kevin Kearns and Dennis Sze

Opening Remarks Rev. Carrion called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The Meeting Minutes from the February 2026 Board Meeting were approved by the Board.

School Leader's Report – Principal Nicholas Parrino

Enrollment & Student Demographics

- Total Enrollment: 637 Students (691 including Pre-K)
- Special Education: 132 students (21%)
- English Language Learners (ENL): 170 students (27%)
- Attendance for February: General Education 90% | Special Education 89%

Staff Updates

- Positions to Be Filled: 7th/8th SS/ELA SPED Teacher; 6th Grade General Education Teacher.

School Updates / Curriculum & Instruction

- Professional Development: Staff participated in a Half Day PD on March 6th focused on administrative updates and spring focus areas.
- Parental Engagement: Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on March 12th with 85% family attendance.
- Special Services: Occupational Therapy (OT) services began in-building the week of March 23rd for the first time.
- Assessments: The second round of Mock Assessments and Mid-Year Assessments took place the week of March 23rd.
- Expansion Planning: Leadership attended an Apple Education Event in Harlem to evaluate new devices for the proposed High School expansion.
- AI Achievement: Jose Rodriguez and Candace Greene completed the AI Program through the Bronx Chamber of Commerce and received a grant for AI education.

BAOP Athletics Update

- Gymnasium Milestone: BAOP hosted its first tournament in the gymnasium on March 14th, defeating Nuasin and Creole College Prep.
- Volleyball Victory: The school celebrated winning the Girls' St. Patrick's Day Volleyball Invitational.

Board Discussion Most discussion was held as a result of the Principal's Report:

- ENL Growth: Board member Milca Meyer noted the drastic increase in the English Language Learner (ENL) population, which rose to 27% from a previous low of 18%. The Board expressed great pride in the intentional recruitment efforts and administrative strategy that led to this growth.
- Cultural Observance (Ramadan): Board President Rev. Carrion led a discussion regarding the impact of Ramadan on the student body. He emphasized the importance of maintaining deep respect for the culture, specifically acknowledging that fasting students do not eat until 6:00 PM. He requested that the administration handle these students' needs on a case-by-case basis to ensure they are supported and their observance is acknowledged throughout the school day.
- Athletic Achievement: Board members Agatha Akyere and Milca Meyer expressed immense pride regarding the volleyball team's tournament victory, noting the positive impact of the athletics program on student morale and school spirit.
- AI Implementation: Following the report on Jose Rodriguez and Candace Greene's AI certification, the Board engaged in a deeper discussion regarding the expanded use of AI within the school to enhance both instructional practices and administrative efficiency.

School Celebrations/Events

- February 25th: 100th Day of School celebration.
- March 2nd–6th: World Read Aloud Week and Spirit Week (Themes: Dr. Seuss, Favorite Hat Day, Wacky Wednesday).
- March 19th: Annual "Math Olympics" Day.
- March 20th: School closed in observance of Eid.

Executive Director Report None at this time.

Business Office Report None at this time.

Unfinished Business None at this time.

Public Expression None at this time.

Upcoming Events

- March 28th: In-Person Open House (10 AM – 12 PM)

- April 1st: 2026-2027 School Lottery and Half Day for Staff/Students
- April 14th: Next School Board Meeting

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM; the Board made a motion to move into Executive Session.