



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

Location: In Person

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

Excused: None

Opening Remarks

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

School Leader's Report – Principal Nicholas Parrino

Enrollment

Total Enrollment: 631 Students 685 including Pre K 54

Special Education: 132 students 21%

English Language Learners: 167 students 26%

Attendance for January: General Education 90% Special Education 89%

Board Discussion

The Board requested that Jose develop and present consistent enrollment metrics going forward to allow for clearer tracking of trends, projections, retention, and subgroup movement. The administration agreed to provide enrollment metrics at future meetings.

Staff Updates

Released:

Part Time Operations Associate

Hired:

PE Teacher

7th and 8th AIS Teacher ELA

Positions to Be Filled:

7th and 8th SS ELA SpED Teacher

6th Grade General Education Teacher

Board Discussion

Principal Parrino shared that Ms. Campbell has done an excellent job bringing strong candidate options to BAOP and strengthening the hiring pipeline. Rev. Carrion thanked Ms. Campbell for her efforts and acknowledged that the school has been effective in filling open positions.

Rev. Carrion also asked about the Special Education percentage. Principal Parrino responded that the Special Education percentage is currently 2 percent below the district. He noted that the school is actively ramping up efforts and that four upcoming meetings will result in additional students being added to the Special Education percentage counts, which is expected to positively impact the reported percentage moving forward.

School Updates / Curriculum & Instruction

Mock Assessments and Mid Year Assessments took place and are currently being scored and analyzed during Data Team meetings with instructional coaches.

BAOP Athletics Update:

Intramural Sports League with Creo College Prep DREAM and UPREP

New Home for Streaming Sports

<https://sidelinehd.com/bronxaop>

Staff participated in a Half Day Professional Development session focused on Team Building.

Board Discussion

Rev. Carrion and Milca Meyer asked how the Board can help address challenges related to computer based testing. Principal Parrino stated that younger grades are more significantly impacted, particularly in the areas of stamina and technology familiarity. He explained that the school conducts extensive computer based mock testing to increase readiness and that students this year have expanded their overall technology proficiency, improving comfort with digital testing platforms.

Principal Parrino also shared that BAOP is partnering with other schools to advance and strengthen the recreational program. Rev. Carrion thanked the administration for pursuing the partnership and requested that the BAOP website be updated to include images and narrative highlighting the collaboration and its impact on student engagement.

School Celebrations/Events

- December 11: PTO Holiday Event
- December 15th to 19th: Holiday Spirit Week
 - Celebrate the Holidays, US, Your Culture/Heritage, Holiday Sweater & PJ Day
- December 16th: Parent Breakfast
- December 17th: Hallway Judging Took Place with over 10 Judges from Bronx Chamber of Commerce, NUASIN, Outside Agencies, Bronx Lacrosse
- December 17th: BAOP Glee Club Holiday Performance
- December 18th: Staff Potluck Breakfast
- December 19th: Half Day for Staff & Students
- School Closed from December 20th to January 4th for Holiday Break
- January 5th: Staff & Students returned to the building

- January 8th: Parent Breakfast presented by Counselors
- January 9th: NED Show for PK to 8th Graders

Executive Director Report

- The Executive Director provided an update regarding the High School expansion process and shared information on when the NYC DOE is expected to vote on whether BAOP will be authorized to open a high school.

Business Office Report

- None at this time

Unfinished Business

- None at this time

Public Expressions

- No public comments were made

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM; voted to move to Executive Sessions