

BRONX ACADEMY OF PROMISE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD
February 9, 2021

Location: Online via Zoom.com

Present: Kevin Kearns, Carlibi Rojas, Rev. Michael Carrion, Agatha Akyere, and Milca Meyer

Excused: Dennis Sze

Rev. Michael Carrion called the meeting into session at 6:00 pm

I. The minutes of the Board meeting held at the January meeting were adopted by the board.

II. Opening Remarks.

Rev. Michael Carrion opened up the meeting.

III. Principal Coach Schiraldi presented the School Leader's Report:

Enrollment

Current Enrollment—590 Total Students

Special Education – 105 students –17.7%

ELL – 71 students – 12%

Attendance Rate

January Attendance Rate for Total Enrollment – 96.6%

January Attendance Rate for Special Education Enrollment – 95.9%

Staff Updates

- Released – None
- Hired – None
- Open positions – 7th/8th grade Special Education Teacher, K-8 Technology Teacher and School Psychologist

Staff Development

- Teachers have been receiving individual and grade level coaching in Math, ELA, Science and Social Studies weekly from the coaches.
- Biweekly grade level check-ins with the Principal

Academic Achievement Measures

- K-8 Mid-Year ELA & Math Benchmark Data has been collected, and grade level teachers have been meeting with the coaches to discuss the data and use that information to drive their instruction.

- 3rd – 8th grade Mock NYS ELA and Math Assessments were administered last week. Past state exams were used to create a shortened version of each test. Grade level teachers will score these assessments, and Data is due to the coaches on February 24th. Coaches will then meet with grade level teams to analyze the data and determine the standards and skills they will focus on in order to reach grade level proficiency.

School Celebrations/Events

- Monday, January 25th- Friday, January 29th – National School Choice week.
 - Parents received a calendar for the week with the daily theme. Gifts were given each day to the parents that came to the school to pick up Grab & Go Meals. This year the gifts included a mask with the school logo, hand sanitizer, pens with the school name, address, phone number & web address, and bags of candy. Each gift went along with the daily theme.
 - Students participated in various school choice activities and contests (poster & writing contest)
 - Glee Cub learned this year's School Choice Dance and created a video presentation which was sent out to all families
 - Parents were asked to submit a short video clip of them sharing Why They Chose Bronx Academy of Promise or How Bronx Academy of Promise Has Had an Impact on Their Child or Family. We plan to create a Testimonial Video for the school using some of the video clips submitted.
- Friday, February, 5th – 2nd Quarter Report Cards were emailed home
- Friday, February 12th- February 19th – School Closed for Mid-Winter Recess

Consultants

- Update from Catherine Jackvony regarding expansion and marketing

IV. New Business

- Discussion on introduction of a Marketing Team to address future needs regarding enrollment and community outreach.

V. Business Office Report

- Two companies presented their proposal to be the new CPA firm for Bronx Academy of Promise.

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. Public Expressions

- No expressions delivered.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm