

**BRONX ACADEMY OF PROMISE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD
June 8, 2021**

Location: Online via Zoom.com

Present: Rev. Dr. Michael Carrion, Milca Meyer, Kevin Kearns, Carlibi Rojas

Excused: Agatha Akyere, and Dennis Sze

Minutes: Rev. Dr. Michael Carrion called the meeting into session at 6:05 pm

I The minutes of the Board meeting held on May 11, 2021 were adopted by the board.

II. Opening Remarks.

- Rev Dr Michael Carrion opened the meeting with opening welcome remarks.
- Praising everyone's efforts for a difficult year coming to a close.
- Summarized for the group sentiments addressing meeting with the BAOP teachers and their feedback
- Indicated that the BAOP board takes this feedback seriously and and hearing of the the challenges they have had with school administration
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III. Principal Schiraldi presented the School Leader's Report:

Enrollment

Current Enrollment—589 Total Students

Special Education – 119 students –20%

ELL – 70 students – 11.8%–18.4%

Staff Updates/Changes

- **Released** – None
- **Hired** – For the 2021/2022 School Year
- 4th grade Teacher – Manuel Fernandez
- Kindergarten Special Education Teacher – Melissa Medwid
- 2 Kindergarten Teacher Assistants - Monzerrat Lacayo and Tanique Williams
- **Positions to be filled for 2021/2022 School Year**
- Kindergarten teacher
- 2nd grade teacher
- 5th grade teacher
- 6th grade teacher
- 6th grade special education teacher
- 8th grade math teacher
- 7th/8th grade ELA/S.S. special ed. Teacher
- 7th/8th grade Math/Science special ed. Teacher
- SETTS/AIS teacher
- S.T.E.M. teacher
- School Psychologist

In response to the School Psychologist search

- Rev asked if we are able to find a qualified School Psychologist from the east coast (New York/New Jersey) after hearing that a west coast candidate was given an offer.
 - Ms. Schilradi & Ms Arshavan replied that the candidates with the credentials were limited and this was the most qualified.
- The candidate decided not to move back to New York and declined the positions
- Board Member Milca Meyer asked about the attrition rate and cause:
 - Reply by Principal Schiraldi: Due to the pandemic, teachers have been opting to leave the state and have resigned
- Board Member Milca Meyer requested that in the principal's report we differentiate between New position searches vs. replacement positions

Business/Financial Updates

- Motion to approve the FY22
- Budget passed unanimously by the board

School Celebrations/Events

- Administration to improve communication by informing the board more about major events (i.e. fundraising events, scholarship events etc...) need to be improved - re-iterating this again with school administration
- *Ms. Schilradi and Jessica will be the point of contact to ensure the board is informed of communication*

IV. Executive Directors Report

- N/A

V. Business Office Report

- N/A

VI. Unfinished Business

- N/A

VII. Public Expressions

- Christine Murphy - Union Chapter Leader
 - This is my first BAOP board that i'm attending
 - I am a Kindergarten Teacher
 - iReady
 - Happy to report that the grant money aided in getting the new technology iReady
 - i-Ready is a comprehensive assessment and instruction program that empowers educators with the resources they need to help all students succeed. ...
 - Enables educators to confidently determine each student's on-grade level proficiency based on state and national standards.
- Nicholas Parrino - announcements
 - BAOP - New Social media presence
 - New website is being rolled out for this upcoming year

Board President made a motion to close the meeting **at 7:30 pm**, seconded by Board Member Milca Meyer