

**BRONX ACADEMY OF PROMISE**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD**  
**January 12, 2021**

**Location:** Online via Zoom.com

**Present:** Milca Meyer, Kevin Kearns, Carlivi Rojas, and Rev. Dr. Michael Carrion

**Excused:** Agatha Akyere, and Denis Sze

**Minutes:** Rev. Dr. Michael Carrion called the meeting into session at 6:08pm

I. The minutes of the Board meeting held in December 2020 was adopted by the board.

II. Opening Remarks

Welcome to the first BAOP board meeting of 2021. Denise Schiraldi excused due to illness.

III. School Leaders Report - Nicholas Parrino presented the School Leader's Report in Principal Schiraldi's absence

**Current Enrollment**—590 Total Students, Special Education – 105 students –17.7%, ELL – 70 students – 11.8%

- Attendance Rate - December Total Enrollment rate– 96.6% Special Education Enrollment – 96.5%
- Rev. Michael Carrion (Board President) ask the question about the staffing and the open positions for a few months now and the board wants to know what efforts are being done to expand the search for the following 3 positions
  - Open positions – 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Special Education Teacher, K-8 Technology Teacher and School Psychologist
  - How are BAOP meetings targets for completing the Math and ELA assessments?
    - Team will provide update report in the February board meeting
  - Increasing the SPED %?: The expansion will help us address the 12 to 1 class ratio to increase our SPED %
    - Evaluations are limited during this COVID period. Parents are also hesitant to bring in their children in for evaluations

- Coaching Report Update? - Mid year Assessments were conducted last week and a full update will be provided to the board in next months board meeting

#### **IV. Consultant Report**

- Kuis construction agreement was previously confirmed and agreed upon but, the architecture drawing recently presented were different from what was agreed upon
  - Issue 1: Auditorium(650 students) was in a different location (in the basement) and the intended entry path was narrow and not ideal as an entry
    - Jackvony responded that this was not acceptable and this needs to be addressed and the drawing needs to be updated back to what was agreed
  - Issue 2: The architect removed one of the floors in the new diagram
    - This was also discussed and was distributed as an area of concern
- Jackvony requested an update to the architecture drawings to address the noted concerns

#### **V. Business Office Report**

- Q2 Report is being completed
- We are halfway through the year and we have spent 43% of the current budget
  - Spend is significantly low since we are remote
- Allocation Marketing budget Increase - Requesting an increase in this budget line of 35,000
  - What is the industry(other Charter Schools) spend on Marketing? approx 100K
  - BAOP agreed on 100K
- Construction Deposit (850K) due on March 1st for the building project - Kevin indicated let's wait until we can review the plans/drawing before agreeing on sending the deposit

- Confirmed that the he Cares Act funding will be used for appropriations for chrome books and other items/supplies during remote learning and the School Psychologist
- CSBM Update: **Financials Highlights**
  - Spend overall is down due to covid and remote learning
  - Income
    - Federal Grants are at a positive variance - due to less then project pupil count
  - Expenses
    - Positive variances in instructional staff - due to step level increases this year
  - Board and Administration recommended this marketing increase budget request is at a positive variance - due to the decision to increase the marketing of the school.

#### VI. Unfinished Business

- None at this time.

#### VII. Public Expressions

- None at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm