

BRONX ACADEMY OF PROMISE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD
March 12, 2019

Location: Bronx Academy of Promise, 1349 Inwood Avenue, Bronx, NY 10452

Present: Carlibi Rojas, Milca Meyer, Dennis Sze, Rev. Dr. Michael Carrion, Stephen Mayo, and Kevin Kearns.

Excused: Agatha Akyere

Minutes: Kevin Kearns called the meeting into session at 7:20 pm.

I. The minutes of the Board meeting held in February 2019 have been accepted by the board.

II. Opening Remarks.

- Welcome address by Kevin Kearns

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

- Enrollment: 600 Totals students
 - Special education 81 Students 13.6%
 - ELL 117 Students (19.5%) - Target is 25 %
 - Free & Reduced Lunch
 - Board is requesting for data on this population
- Professional Development
 - Kagan Collaborative Learning Strategies (DOE Professional Development) - all grade teachers represented
- 2 Staff members released, 2 Staff last board meeting (6th grade TA and 6th Grade teachers)

Instructional Coaches Reports

- ELA Coach - Ms. Jimenez - New as of February 2019
 - Provided Instruction to staff and observed classroom instruction and provided feedback
 - Reviewed ELA data from last year to provide input into strategies on the going forward approach
 - Organize Dr. Seuss's Birthday program
 - Literacy Night very successful - Teachers /Parents/Admin all participates
- Kindergarten and 1st grade classes came in severely behind
- Mitigation Plan needs to be put in place to address these known issues
 - Speak to Parents and help guide them on how to enforce this in there students
 - For example: Mandate an hour of reading at home
 - Add another teacher to the lower grade classes
 - Homework already in place to read to their children in English and in their chosen language (i.e spanish)

Parent Coordinator to organize an effort to engage parents of this student population

Math Coaching -

Highlights - Math Trail Day

Day activity for the whole school where they solved math problems and has class discussions on the math problems

Math Club - Attendance is high. The kids are very engaged and are requesting to meet 2 times a week. It is currently once a week. They are creating ,math games

Dean/Humanities Coach Report

Dean Report: Board asks about the major challenges experienced. Kids with behavioral problems are getting better but we also uncovered that some of the same kids where avoiding work. There is an active effort to have the teachers address the students issues

- Social Studies Curriculum is being reviewed. Improvements underway to determine the needs of the 7th and 8th grade
- Science curriculum and 8th grade regents review is underway to determine students that can be challenged. Team is looking to enhance the program with providing additional levels of science education
 - The current 6th - 8th grade science programs will be reviewed as a result of the enhanced program
- Athletics
 - Boys Basketball - Completed a successful season on March 9th
 - 7th/8th Girls volleyball - Season starts April 12th

IV. Executive Director

Building Project

- Original Plan for the building project is the same (i.e Auditorium classrooms, gym 40,000 sqft school with 300 kids)
 - Motion made and seconded to reiterate and remind Kiu of the boards intent with this proposal.
 - 5 Board members voted yes 1 abstained. Vote passed
- Board is concerned that the \$250,000 given to Kiu to build and to date we've seen no progress. An estimated \$40,000 could have been accrued on that money in the 4 years
- Budget needs to be developed

V. Business Office Report

- None at this time.

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. Public Expressions

- No one signed up for Public Expressions

Public Board Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

VIII. Executive Session

- Executive Session concluded at 8:30 PM

