

**BRONX ACADEMY OF PROMISE**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD**  
**November 10, 2020**

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**Location:** Online via Zoom.com

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

**Excused:** Agatha Akyere and Dennis Sze

Rev. Michael Carrion called the meeting into session at 6:10 pm

**I. The minutes** of the Board meeting held at the October 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:**

589 Students enrolled

97.9% attendance rate

97.8% Special Education

**October Highlights**

- All necessary information was submitted to the NYS Department of Education on behalf of Bronx Academy of Promise on November 2, 2020, as required.
- Ongoing beginning September 10th – (7:30a.m. – 1:30p.m.) Grab & Go Meal Distribution (150-200 meals are being distributed daily). Average of 186 meals per day are being distributed.
  - 186 pickups breakfast & lunch
- Devices - 206 devices have been distributed, 2 Wi-fi boxes, additional families on the waitlist will continue to be distributed devices as they come in. 100 more laptops have been ordered and Received. We have 21 damaged, 8 with broken screen (repaired already) and 12 more with broken keyboards (in repair process), and one of the new one that came damaged.
- Remote Instruction has been going very well. The teachers have been able to provide the right balance of instruction, student breakout sessions, student breaks, student individual work assignments, and continued engaged with supporting the students while doing their class assignments.
- October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – Parent Workshop on the H.S application process (presented by Ms. Astor & Ms. Doud).
- October 21<sup>st</sup> – Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> grade Parent Workshop - How to Help Your Child During Remote Instruction (presented by Ms. Melendez).
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> – AIS & ELL Parent Meeting – Introduction to the AIS and ELL programs (presented by Ms. Schiraldi, Ms. Butler & Ms. Jimenez).
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conferences ( 513 families attended)= 87%.
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Scholastic Online Book Fair began and runs through November 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Staff Updates**

- Released— ELL Teacher
- Hired - None
- We are still looking to hire for the following positions:
  - 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELL Teacher
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade special education teacher leave replacement
  - School psychologist
  - Technology Teacher

### **Operations**

- 2 Custodians, Security, Kitchen staff, Parent Coordinator, Business Assistant and Administrative Assistant (Meghan) are going in daily.
- Ms. Rivera is in the building daily and managing entry to the building and all food and supply distributions to the BAOP families as well as the laptops.

### **IV. New Business**

- Discussed the new construction contract and stipulation for the new contract on Cromwell Avenue.
- Discussed the old lease on the Inwood Avenue building.

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

- Update from Tia Murphy from CSBM on recent audit.
- Update from Catherine Jackvony regarding new building.

### **VI. Unfinished Business**

### **VII. Public Expressions**

- No expressions delivered

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm