

BRONX ACADEMY OF PROMISE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD
April 13, 2021

Location: Online via Zoom.com

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

Excused: None

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

Principal Schiraldi: School Leader Report

Enrollment

Current Enrollment—591 Total Students

Special Education – 109 students –18.4%

ELL – 70 students – 11.8%

Attendance Rate

March Attendance Rate for Total Enrollment – 97.7%

March Attendance Rate for Special Education Enrollment – 96.6%

Staff Updates

- Released –
 - 4th grade general education teacher
 - 7th/8th grade special education teacher
- Hired –
- Open positions – Two 7th/8th grade Special Education Teachers
- Administration Positions to be added for July 2021
 - Assistant Principal
 - Dean/After School Director
 - K-2 Instructional Coach

Staff Development

- Coaches have been observing zoom synchronous instruction and providing teachers with ongoing feedback.
- Teachers attend weekly grade level coaching sessions.

- Bi-weekly grade level check-ins with the Principal.
- Staff continues to utilize the Master Teacher Professional Development Program as needed.

Academic Achievement Measures

- The United States Department of Education did not grant NYS the waiver to cancel the 3rd – 8th grade ELA and Math assessments this year. A modified NYS Assessment will be given this year only to students who are receiving in-person instruction. Schools that are fully remote are excused from taking this year's assessments and are not expected to go into a school building to participate in these exams.
- We will be administering school-wide ELA, Math and Science assessments to our students remotely. These school-wide assessments will be created using past NYS assessment questions which are based on grade level standards.
- Data from these assessments will be analyzed and used to identify any learning gaps and to plan for interventions needed to close those gaps, in addition to planning for the 2021/2022 school year.

School Celebrations/Events

- Thursday, March 25th – Parent Literacy Night Workshop presented by Ms. Jimenez
- Friday, March 26th – “We Are Mathematicians “ Math Month Celebration led by Ms. Arshravan and the Math Committee

Authorizer Communication/Issues

- On April 7th, Mrs. Jackvony and I had a pre-visit Zoom meeting with Laurie Hazeley from the NYC Department of Education Charter School Authorizing Team. She informed us that our school was brought to her attention because of the “Red Flag” that our ELL enrollment is still well below the district schools. Catherine contacted Nora from Pasik Consulting to inquire about a “Set Aside” preference for ELLs in the upcoming lottery.
- On May 5th, Laurie Hazeley will be conducting a virtual visit to speak with me and Catherine Jackvony and visit two remote classrooms. She will observe a math lesson in the 4th grade ICT classroom and also an 8th grade ELA classroom.

Consultants

- CSBN Quarterly Financial Report given to Board
- Catherine Jackvony will give an update

Executive Session and Meeting were adjourned at 7:38 pm