

BRONX ACADEMY OF PROMISE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD
May 12, 2020

Location: Online via Zoom.com

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

Excused: Agatha Akyere

Minutes: Kevin Kearns called the meeting into session at 6:05pm

I. The minutes of the Board meeting held in April 2020 were adopted by the board.

II. Opening Remarks.

- Rev Dr Michael Carrion opened the meeting with a report about an inquiry from the Mayor's office regarding the school becoming distribution node for one of the city's emergency free meals program; to be followed up immediately

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

Enrollment

Current Enrollment—600 Total Students

Special Education – 102 students – 17%

ELL – 73 students –12%

Free & Reduced Lunch – 580 students – 96.5%

Attendance Rate

ATS is currently disabled due to building closures and remote instruction.

Attendance rate for Remote Instruction the month of April as per the daily attendance submitted to secretaries – 97.2%

Teachers feel participation has been great

Staff Updates

- Hired – None
- Released - None

Academic Achievement Measures

- Rigorous instruction continues with live instruction daily using Zoom.
- 3rd quarter report cards were sent home to all families on April 24th

NYSED Updates

- Governor Cuomo announced on Friday, May 1st, that remote instruction will continue throughout the end of this school year.
- Summer school and reopening in September are still yet to be determined.

Operations

- Ongoing communication from the DOE, NYSED, and the Charter School Center as information is updated.
- Weekly video meetings with the admin team, as well as meetings with the staff.
- Phase 2 of laptop distribution took place
 - Teachers were asked for a list of students in their class who were sharing a device with either a sibling or a parent working from home.
 - Ms. Lamar called all parents on the list to verify if they needed a school device and schedule distribution.
 - Ms. Lamar and Ms. Rivera distributed an additional 47 laptops at the school, as well as to some homes, May 4th-May 6th. (currently at 240 distributed)
 - Ms. Rivera ordered 150 additional laptops to be distributed so no student will have to share with siblings
- On Friday, April 24th, Ms. Rivera spearheaded the Lottery for the 2020/2021 school year
- 395 applications for kindergarten; 1,124 applications in total
- In the process of organizing 2020/21 new student registration

Business

- Candace Green presented results through March 30; revenue on budget
- Tia Murphy presented a multi-year projection which incorporated several scenarios of expansion; to be discussed further later this month

School Celebrations/Events

- Staff took pictures holding messages to the students and Ms. Garcia created a video which was shared with all students and families.

IV. Executive Directors Report

- None

V. Business Office Report

- Guidance now suggests funding will be flat during 2020-21 school year

VI. Unfinished Business

- Agreed to look at hiring Jeff Simon, Architect to guide us in discussions with landlord on construction of proposed annex building

VII. Public Expressions

- No parents attended meeting we suspected due to COVID-19.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm