

BRONX ACADEMY OF PROMISE CHARTER SCHOOL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

Members Present: Rev. Michael Carrion (Chairman), Kevin Kearns (Treasurer), Carlibi Rojas, Dennis Sze, Glenn Corwin

Members Excused: Milca Meyer, Agatha Akyere

Also Present: Catherine Jackvony, Denise Schiraldi (Principal), Nicholas Parrino, Candace Greene

Method: Meeting held virtually by zoom.com

Meeting was called into session by Chairman at 7:05pm.

I. INTRODUCTION

- a. Chairman Carrion greeted other Board and the staff and wished them a successful new academic year.
- b. The minutes of the August 22nd Board Meeting were unanimously adopted by the Board.

III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Schiraldi delivered the Principal's Report (*Ms. Montilla provided translation.*)

Enrollment

Current Enrollment— 577 Total Students (626 with Pre-K)

Special Education – 125 students – 22%

ELL – 91 students – 16% (Kindergarten students are still being assessed)

Staff Updates

- Hired –
 - 5th grade General Ed. Teacher – Ms. Gonzalez
 - 6th grade General Ed. Teacher – Ms. Simpson

- Technology Teacher – Ms. Luron
- Positions To Be Filled –
 - 6th grade Special Ed. Teacher
 - 7th /8th grade Science Teacher
 - Teacher7th /8th grade Special Ed. Teacher

Professional Development

- Welcome Back with onsite Team building activities and review of Staff Handbook
- “Unlocking the ADHD Experience”
- PowerSchool Training
- ADP Virtual Harassment Training
- iReady Training
- Curriculum Mapping
- New teachers Fountas and Pinnell and Writing Rubric Training
- Restorative Practices- Help Your Students Improve Their Behavior & Strengthen Their Learning
- Offsite Teambuilding Mystery Theater and Lunch at The Pines

Curriculum and Instruction

- The Math Readiness Assessment is being administered this week. Teachers will use their data from this assessment, along with the iReady Diagnostic, to create their guided math groups.
- Teachers have begun assessing each student one on one using the Fountas and Pinnell Reading Assessment to identify each student’s reading level. Teachers will use the data from this assessment, along with the iReady Diagnostic, to form their guided reading groups.
- Students are in the process of writing their Beginning of The Year benchmark writing piece to be scored using the 6+1 Trait Writing Rubric
- The ELL teachers are currently administering the NYSITELL Assessment to assess the English Language Level of kindergarten and new students whose home or primary language is one other than English.

School Celebrations/Events

- Thursday, September 7th – First Day of School

IV. ACADEMIC DIRECTOR

Ms. Jackvony gave an update on certain key items

- Awaiting occupancy permit on pre-K rooms; anticipated Monday Sept 18
- Met with DOE instructional coach for pre-K curriculum
- Continuous progress being made on new building
- Hope to have exterior finished by December 31st
- Documentation relating to ESSR and ARP grand submitted on time in conjunction with audit

V. PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS

- Ms. Murphy asked questions regarding the Pre-K opening and the status of the new building
- Ms. Pollack asked about deep cleaning of the furniture in rooms affected by the summer construction

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- The Board went into executive session at 7:25pm

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

