

**BRONX ACADEMY OF PROMISE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD
January 18, 2022**

Location: Online via Zoom.com

Present: Rev. Dr. Michael Carrion, Carlibi Rojas, Agatha Akyere, Kevin Kearns

Excused: Milca Meyer, Dennis Sze

Minutes: Rev. Dr. Michael Carrion called the meeting into session at 7:05 pm

I The **minutes** of the Board meeting held in December 2021 were adopted by the board.

II. Principal Schiraldi presented the School Leader's Report:

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Enrollment

School Enrollment (as of October 2021)		
Enrollment	Total	% of total
All Students	596	N/A
Special Education	122	20.4%
English Language Learners	70	11.7%

Attendance Rate

December Attendance Rate for Total Enrollment – 90.7%

December Attendance Rate for Special Education Enrollment – 90%

Staff Updates

- Released –
 - 2nd Teacher
 - Operations Associate
- Hired –
- We are still looking to hire for the following positions -
 - K-2 ELL Teacher
 - 2nd Grade Teacher
 - 6th Grade Teacher

- 7th/8th Grade Special Ed. Teacher
- Operations Associate
- Chef
- Custodian

Curriculum and Instruction

- Our school transitioned to Remote Instruction on January 4, 2022, due to excessive absences of both staff and students. On Monday, January 3, 2022, the first day back from the holiday break, 29 staff members (29%) and 115 students (19%) were absent. Substitute teachers are in short supply, so we were only had 8 substitutes that day. The decision was made to send a laptop home with every student and to move to remote instruction for two weeks. During the two weeks of remote instruction, approximately 16 additional staff members tested positive for Covid.
- Morning tutoring continues for AIS and ELL students during breakfast from 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
- Afterschool tutoring will begin tomorrow, January 19th. It will run from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Thursday. We will have one class of approximately 20-24 students on each grade level. Students were chosen by the grade level teachers.

Academic Achievement Measures

Rev. Carrion asked about the school's ability to gauge the degree of learning loss incurred during the pandemic period:

- Data Teams continue to focus on the skills each grade has identified as being most needed in ELA and Math.
- Mid-Year assessments in ELA and Math are in the process of being administered.
- Administration of the i-Ready Mid-year Diagnostic assessments in reading and math began while students were remote
- Mr. Parrino indicated that, according to diagnostics, the percentage of students performing at least two grades behind decreased from roughly 40% to 20% between September and December
- Rev. Carrion asked that school staff continuously provide comparative information which would document progress over time in bridging the recent learning gap
- Mr. Parrino informed the Board that Promethean Boards have been installed throughout the school and that the teaching staff would soon be trained in their use

Covid-19 Safety Measures – Update from Mr. Parrino & Ms. Rivera

- Weekly Student Covid testing – moving to 20% from 10%
- Weekly Staff Covid Testing – no testing for 90 days after positive case revealed
- Student on-site vaccinations – January 5th
- At Home Rapid Covid Tests

- Ms. Rojas indicated that the local pharmacist we have been engaged is now able to provide vaccinations for our youngest students – coordinating dates

School Celebrations/Events

- Holiday Door/Hallway decorating contest winners
 - (K- 4th) – 2nd grade & 3rd Grade (tied)
 - (5th – 8th) – 5th Grade
- Mr. Check and Mr. Jha held the Boys Basketball Tryouts

III. Business Office/Finance

- Ms. Greene provided a summary of financial results for the period through Dec. 31st, 2021

IV. Ms. Jackvony - Consultant

- Ms. Jackvony indicated that the school has begun to work with Pasek Consulting to prepare for its 5-year renewal review which happens next fall; bi-weekly meetings
- She provided update on Cromwell construction'
- Suggested the Board should consider revamping expansion plans to include a high school given the increasing competition in the area for students as well as fundamental parent demand

V. Public Expressions

- No public expressions given

VI. Executive Session

- The Board voted to move into Executive Session at 7:55pm
- The Board returned to regular session at 8:10pm

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:12pm.