



**BRONX ACADEMY OF PROMISE**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD**  
**September 12, 2024**

**Location:** Online via Zoom.com

**Present:** Milca Meyer, Kevin Kearns, Carlibi Rojas, and Glenn Corwin

**Excused:** Rev. Dr. Michael Carrion, Dennis Sze, and Agatha Akyere

**Minutes:** Kevin Kearns called the meeting into session at 7:05pm

I. The minutes of the Board meeting held on August 13, 2024 were adopted by the board.

II. **Opening Remarks** - Welcome by Kevin Kearns

III. **Principal Nicholas Parrino presented the School Leader's Report**

A. Enrollment

1. Total Enrollment— Students 586 Total with Pre K (40) 626
2. SpED Enrollment - 128 Students 22%
3. ENL Enrollment - 134 Students 23%

Principal Comments: Looking to fill mostly the lower grades. WSe are seeing an increase in our ELL numbers.

B. Staff Updates

Released

- PE Teacher
- 7 / 8 SpED Teacher
- 1st Grade Teacher
- AIS Teacher
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- Hired –
  - Pre-K Teacher-Bintu Cham
  - Physical Education Teacher - Joseph Sanchez
  - ELL Teacher - Klodian Lleshi
  - 1st Grade Teacher -Caileen O'Brien Russell

● Positions To Be Filled –

- o Kindergarten, 2nd Grade GEN ED, 6th Grade Sp. ED
- o 2 - 7/8 SS/ELA SpED Teacher, 2 Math/SCI

**Principal Comments:**

Due to the lost of 2 AIS teachers we are looking to reimagine the positions and the criteria for this position

We have made a lot of effort to look for the fulfillment of this position

C. Curriculum and Instruction

- Team Building Activity on Friday August 23rd.
- F&P , Math Readiness, iReady Beginning Diagnostics taking place the week of September 9th
- Teachers will use their data from this assessment to create their guided groups. (GUIDED PD in August)
- 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. (PD was in August)

- Ms. Osias met with all grade levels to discuss behavior management strategies. (Behavior & SEL PD in August)

D. School Celebrations/Events

- Thursday, September 5th – First Day of School K-8
- Monday, September 9th - First Day of Pre-K
- Tuesday, September 17th - Meet the Teacher PK-4th Grade
- Thursday, September 19th - Meet the Teacher 5th-8th Grade

E. Grants/Funding - No Update

**IV. Executive Directors Report**

**V. New Building - Update by Principal Parrino**

- A. 1366 Cromwell - 99% done, Awaiting on Con Edison - Con Edison needs to finish the wiring of the street and connecting the building. Several calls have been made to expedite Con Edison's follow-up and expedition response.
- B. As a result we will target to get the Certificate of Occupancy by next Wednesday September 18, 2024. This is the estimate based on the 2 day work effort needed by CO-Edison
- C. Sub Lease Developed to delineate rent expenses with Nausin( Next Generation Charter School) - 3rd Floor and 4th floor will be taken; 5th floor negotiations are in progress(External use 25%) lease sharing is needed.
- D. The board voted Unanimously to approve the Sub lease presented

**VI. Business Office Report**

- A. Candace Greene provided the update
  1. Fiscal 23-24 Audit is complete
  2. 3rd Thursday of every month is the Financed Committee meeting
  3. American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP funds will be exhausted this month - This funding supported uniform gift cards, chromebooks, backpacks, and salary support

**VII. Unfinished Business**

- A. Concerns were discussed about better coordination of the supply list going forward. BAOP Leadership indicated that we will ensure that this is done much earlier in the summer.

**VIII. Public Expressions**

- A. The Executive Director expressed great appreciation for the collaborative work with all staff in moving in this September. Kudos to all

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm**