

**BRONX ACADEMY OF PROMISE**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD**  
**March 10, 2020**

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Location: Bronx Academy of Promise, 1349 Inwood Avenue, Bronx, NY 10452

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

Excused: Dennis Sze.

Minutes: Kevin Kearns called the meeting into session at 6:50 pm.

I. The minutes of the Board meeting held in January 2020 have been accepted by the board.

II. Opening Remarks.

- Kevin Kearns opened up the meeting at 6:50 pm.

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

- 601 attendance
  - 16.3% SPED Students
  - 12% ELL Students
  - 96.5% Free & Reduced Lunch
- Previously identified students in the program are scoring out year after year
  - **Released** - None
  - **Hired** – None
  - **3 Teachers are needed:**
    - Music
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade special education
    - AIS for ELA 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade
    - Technology Teacher
- Dean/Humanities Coach Report:
  - March Parent Workshop on Bullying and Social Media cancelled due to COVID-19 and lack of attendance
    - Curriculum and Instruction
      - Classroom management and strategies to be used during instructions coordinated with Mr. Corwin and classroom teachers
      - As part of survey night students researched different countries
      - Students are being prepared for 8<sup>th</sup> grade state exam
      - Regents exams for science and math have been ordered
    - Athletics:
      - 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball finished their season 5-5
      - 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' volleyball team tryouts started this week
      - Volleyball season begins in April

- Instructional Coach Report:
  - ELA Coaching:
    - Fountas and Pinnell Assessment was done in the month of January for data to show improvement (k-8<sup>th</sup>).
      - Board Chair requested data on this evaluation for next meeting
    - ELA mock assessment took place and discussed findings as well as strategies to help student on state test (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)
    - Grade level and individual meetings are continuous
    - Informal observations and feedback during ELA and guided reading
    - Strategies to help students read and write better
    - Facilitate grade level teams (coaching) and assisting teachers with ideas
  - Mentoring:
    - Mentoring 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year teachers
- Math Coach Report:
  - Math:
    - Escape Room Math Day took place March 5<sup>th</sup>. An escape room is a submersion into a scenario built around a specific theme. The theme was math and its specific branches within each grade level
  - Math Coaching:
    - Readiness assessment were given to students in grades K-8<sup>th</sup>
    - Mock assessments were given to 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Data showed improvements
    - Worked with teachers on developing and utilizing strategies to help students become better at problem solving
      - Board Chairs requested correlation between the students on the chess team and math. Would like students to be evaluated to see if chess has increased their mathematical capabilities
    - Coaching continued on each grade level as well as on individual need
    - Informal observations and direct feedback
      - Lessons
      - Guided Math
    - Guided teachers to consistently connect math to real life
    - Guided teachers to create hands on lessons to aid in increasing student's problem solving and writing skills in math
  - Mentoring:
    - Middle of year mentoring for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year teachers
  - Math Club:
    - Meets weekly/students continuously working on projects.

#### IV. Executive Directors Report

- None

#### V. Business Office Report

- None

#### VI. Unfinished Business

- Discussed the expansion and moving forward with the building next door. The board voted to move forward with the building and contract. The board communicated with Kiu our landlord and together made the decision concerning the building and the logistics of the contract for the building and the expectation for the building.

#### VII. Public Expressions

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

Public Board Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

#### VIII. Executive Session

- Executive Session was held directly after the meeting.