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# The Bronx Charter School for Children

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Thursday September 15, 2022 at 4:30 PM

#### **Location**

**423 East 138th Street, Bronx, NY 10454**

Remote and/or in-person

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#### **Trustees Present**

B. Greenwald, H. Chan (remote), J. Ehrenberg Rosen, L. Slous (remote), M. Aveledo (remote), N. Schmidt (remote), P. Libretta

#### **Trustees Absent**

J. Carris, M. Samuel, S. Blair

#### **Ex Officio Members Present**

D. Alexander

#### **Non Voting Members Present**

D. Alexander

#### **Guests Present**

Anastasiya Rosenbaum, Bonnie Halloran, Candice Manzano, Tina Maiuolo (remote)

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### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A. Record Attendance**

#### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

J. Ehrenberg Rosen called a meeting of the board of trustees of The Bronx Charter School for Children to order on Thursday Sep 15, 2022 at 4:38 PM.

#### **C.**

### **Approve Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from August 19, 2022 at 4:39 pm.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **II. Committee Reports**

### **A. Academic Committee**

Tina Maiuolo

The beginning of school started off strong. Summer PD was more structured and engaging this year. Scholars received more taxonomy and testing this year with NWEA. PLC meetings started with writing and math teachers, planning the our goals and working on a plan to support teachers on reaching those goals.

Questions - Do you have any sense of the learning losses? Summer slide was not too concerning. Current 3rd and 4th graders' last in-person experience in school was in K and 1st grade. We are reviewing data mindfully to help individual scholars to close gaps due to pandemic.

The Academic Committee met on August 16, discussed two programs, no Standard test scores available, will meet monthly. Maria will be leading the Academic committee. We will have test scores in layman's form next week.

Denise Alexander Executive Director Report

Teachers and leadership are experiencing a downward trajectory this year. We are cultivating internal leadership pipeline to encourage retention. Teacher leadership roles are being considered in elementary and middle schools. Bonnie Halloran - there has been teacher interest in assisting with data & assessment.

Staffing budgeted for 95, need to get to a minimum of 93 for full coverage. Middle School vacancies include 8th grade Math, Spanish and interventionist.

Elementary School vacancies include 4th grade Math, ESL and interventionist positions

Enrollment, we have not achieved full enrollment and may collapse a Kindergarten class. Kindergarten is experiencing the low number of enrollment and does not expect a pick up. 1st grade enrollment is oversubscribed. Enrollment slippage will have financial impact. Shortfall of 7th grade due to our facilities? No. Some 6th graders were dissatisfied with their experience therefore did not return.

### **B. Development Committee**

Candidate did not accept our offer, the Development Guild has another candidate at another school.

### **C. Finance Committee**

Anastasiya Rosenbaum

5 year budget projections need to be included in our renewal package.

Enrollment, we do not count enrolled kids in July & August, we normally count the end of September enrollment number for projections. Since we were not fully staffed last year we slightly exceeded forecast.

The 2021-2022 audit started Tuesday September 13. We received over 750k in government funding. We are expecting an engagement letter from our auditor.

L. Slous made a motion to Transition funds from JPM Chase Bank to Citizen Bank at 5:10 pm.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **D.**

### **Governance Committee**

Open meeting law. Executive Director's understanding of the law is that in order to allow remote access, the Board must pass a resolution about extraordinary circumstances are allowed for remote participation which are defined by the board. There may be a distinction between those who want to disclose location. Resolution is required to be submitted in the NYSE portal by the November 1st deadline.

Paul Libretta

Two prospective Board Candidates. Mr. Ken Blomster a former accountant retired from Arthur Anderson/PWC.

The Academic and Governance Committee are leading the effort of the evaluation of the Executive Director. They will present it to the Board for review and approval. Suzie Rivera posted the Secretary to the Board position on Indeed in the middle of July. Sydney Blair will manage the resumes to hire a part time Administrator/Secretary

### **E. Facilities Committee**

The architect is a little behind schedule. We need to define our spending for Furniture, Fixture & Equipment. The master lease for the Middle School location is fully executed and the deposit provided. 388 Willis elevator has been down for two weeks. There are wiring and pump issues. 138th Street plumbing issues, now no water. The valve to fix plumbing has been removed and the replacement part is not available. The landlord was aware the valve was temporary and is looking to upgrade. There is no running water, therefore school will be closed tomorrow. MS teachers will report to 388 Willis. Remote learning is not set up therefore not an option. Loaner device agreement has not been completed by some families therefore not all scholars have devices. Inclement weather day is due to an emergency and charter schools have autonomy to decide and require authorization from our Approver. We expect a credit on rent from landlord, our last email from Candice his information is incorrect and we are unable to use the facilities and will follow up with a request for a rent credit.

## **III. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
H. Chan