

# **The Bronx Charter School for Children**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 18, 2021**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of The Bronx Charter School of Children was held virtually on March 18, 2021, at 4:30pm.

The following members of the Board were present:

Brigitte Bentele, Sydney Blair, Joanne Carris, Hayden Chan, Bruce Greenwald, Krista Hammond, Paul Libretta, Jane Ehrenberg Rosen (chair), Mark A. Samuel, Nicole Schmidt and Larry Slous. Denise Alexander, Executive Director, Bethany Goldszer, Director of Development and Community Partnerships, and Candice Manzano, Director of Operations were also present. Suellen Scull was a Notified Absence.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Board:

VOTED:

To approve the minutes of the last Board meeting held on February 25, 2021, in the form previously circulated.

### Executive Director Report (attached)

#### Academic Committee

Denise Alexander reported on the upcoming testing at the school in ELA and Math for grades 3-5, and Science in grade 4. The school is required to administer the tests but families are allowed to opt out. The test will not be used for state purposes but will be used as a data point for next year. Learning progress is measured by comparison of benchmark assessment with summative assessments and quizzes. A drop in math performance is being analyzed. Teachers working with curriculum leads have submitted retention guidelines and will work with Family Support Team, learning specialists, and parents in a more shared process than in the past. Curriculum planning for grade 7 is continuing . In terms of hiring, Denise plans to present 3-5 candidates for principal at the same time to the Board.

#### Development Committee

Bethany Goldszer expanded on the Development Report (attached). Krista Hammond will present the action plan for The Friends of TBSCSC organization at the next meeting. This organization, for which board members need to be recruited (6-8), will lead the Capital Campaign for Middle School space funding.

#### Finance Committee

The monthly report was distributed to the Board. Bruce Greenwald reported that not much has changed, month to month, and that the school is in good financial state. Budgeting for next year is in process.

Governance Committee

Paul Libretta reported that the Employee Handbook has been finished. The Board manual is due for review.

Facilities Committee

Bruce Greenwald reported that within the next two weeks we should know whether the space at St. Lukes is available to us. The committee sent a Letter of Intent for raw land at 632 Bergen and an offer letter to the landlord of an existing warehouse on Bergen that could be available for 2022. The brokerage representation with Lee Allen will terminate on March 26, followed by a new agreement with ABS Partners Real Estate, LLC.

Discussion about Race and Equity

On hold.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brigitte Bentele, Secretary