

# **The Bronx Charter School for Children**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 22, 2021**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of The Bronx Charter School of Children was held virtually on April 22, 2021, at 5:30pm.

The following members of the Board were present:

Denise Alexander (Ex-Officio, Executive Director), Brigitte Bentele, Joanne Carris, Hayden Chan, Bruce Greenwald, Krista Hammond, Paul Libretta, Jane Ehrenberg Rosen (chair), Larry Slous. Bethany Goldszer (Director of Development and Community Partnerships), Candice Manzano (Director of Operations), and Anastasiya Rosenbaum (Director of Finance) were also present. Sydney Blair, Mark A. Samuel, and Nicole Schmidt were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 5:45pm and began with a moment of silence in memory of our valued Board member, Suellyn Preston Scull.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Board:

VOTED:

To approve the minutes of the last Board meeting held on March 18, 2021, in the form previously circulated.

### Development

Alicia Robinson and Jennifer Smith from Investment Bank presented a check for \$1000 to TBCSC for Chromebooks and thanked Larry Slous.

### Executive Director Report (attached)

The numbers from the lottery are down, as they are in other NYC charter schools. The staff resignations were a surprise and seem to be due to exasperation with virtual teaching. Denise is meeting with the Leadership Team about goals for the team.

### Academic Committee

Denise Alexander reported that mock assessments have been given for ELA and Math in preparation for the state testing. She is adjusting support for teachers and students, particularly for Special Education. She is making decisions about summer school and next year, for which there may be drastic changes. Math tutoring by staff is going well and UNIS tutoring students are forming Big Brother/Sister relationships with students of TBCSC.

### Development Committee

Bethany Goldszer expanded on the Development Report (attached). She is setting up a donation page in the name of Suellyn. The Capital Campaign is pending.

### Finance Committee

Anastasiya Rosenbaum reported on the March revenue. The PPE loan which shows as income has been forgiven. An end-of-year surplus is expected with 6.5 months of expenses in reserve. The 21-22 budget, driven by compensation, enrollment, and per-pupil stipend is a work in progress. A draft will be sent to board members before the May board meeting, with approval in June.

### Governance Committee

Paul Libretta reported that the committee continues to look for Board of Trustee members.

### Facilities Committee

Bruce Greenwald reported that the space at St. Lukes is not available to us. The committee is looking for swing space for grade 7 or for grades 6 and 7. Brokers are actively looking at two possibilities on Bergen Street for the future.

### Board retreat, May 10, 4-7pm

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brigitte Bentele, Secretary