

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES for  
the  
BEDFORD-STUYVESANT NEW BEGINNINGS  
CHARTER SCHOOL**

Meeting of September  
15, 2011

**Members Present:** Joseph Sciame; Patricia Bramwell; Cecelia Russo; Angel Charriez; Thomas Alwood; Kevin Nesbitt; Mike Nieves; Leticia Theodore-Green.

**Members Absent:** Victor Rivera Jr.

**Also Present:** Karen Jones (CAO); Joshua Morales (COO); Kashani Stokley (Dir. Ops.); Rana Roberts (PO co-president); Marlena Salvant-Mondesir (PO co-president).

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A quorum being present, the Meeting commenced at 6:09 pm.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Bramwell and seconded by Mr. Charriez, the minutes of the July 29, 2011 meeting were adopted with all necessary corrections by a vote of 8 - 0.

**Operations and Financial Reports**

Mr. Stokely presented the Board with the school Operations Report and reviewed the information within. He added that 2 new students had enrolled since Tuesday of this week when the report had been prepared.

Mr. Stokely recounted to the Board the recent visit by the Department of Education and that the visitors seemed pleased. He also clarified that all reports due to the DoE had been submitted so that the school is in full compliance with DoE reporting requirements.

Mr. Stokely also informed the Board that the new website is now up and running and updated for the new academic year.

Mr. Morales presented the Financial Report and informed the Board that no major changes to the budget were required and that he was waiting to hear back from the State on any additional funds, including Title 1 funds.



Mr. Morales also informed the Board that the physical plant, including the boiler, was ready for the school year and winter months.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Russo and seconded by Mr. Charriez, the Operations and Financial Report were accepted by a vote of 8 - 0.

### **Academic Report**

Ms. Jones presented the Academic Report to the Board and reviewed its main points. Ms. Jones was pleased to inform the Board that the School is fully staffed. Reviewed Parent Survey results from the end of the previous academic year which were very favorable. Reviewed the Faculty Survey results from the end of the previous academic year which indicated some dissatisfaction due to the approach of the Curriculum Coordinator. Ms. Jones explained that the CC had been replaced and that measures had been taken to involve instructors more directly.

Ms. Jones proposed November 14th for an opening ceremony for the new library to thank the Harry Potter Foundation. Board agreed.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Theodore-Green and seconded by Ms. Bramwell, the Academic Report was accepted by a vote of 8 - 0.

### **Treasurer**

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Bramwell and seconded by Mr. Nieves, Mr. Charriez was appointed Treasurer by a vote of 8 - 0.

### **Parents Organization**

Ms. Roberts and Ms. Salvant-Mondesir requested assistance from the Board on how best to set up a bank account for monies collected for school support. Mr. Morales stated he would contact the auditors for advice.

On a motion by Mr. Nieves, seconded by Ms. Bramwell, the Board unanimously voted to recess the meeting at 7:57 p.m.