



# Minutes

## Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School

### Board Meeting

Monday Aug 24, 2015 @ 6:00 PM at 82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

#### **Board Members Present**

Cecelia Russo, Joseph Sciame, Kevin Nesbitt, Leticia Theodore-Greene, Marlena Mondesir, Patricia Bramwell, Victor Rivera

#### **Board Members Absent**

Angel Charriez

#### **Ex officio Members Present**

Nicholas Tishuk

#### **Guests Present**

Anthony Thomas, Darrell Osborne, Datina Westbrook, Jennifer Under, Kateema Boatwright, Marilyn Julien, Maxine Bosson, Rhonda Francie, Sabrina del Sherpa, Shan Swaleh, Silbia Pagan, Tiffany Stathakis, Vanessa Adames, Vicky D'Anjou-Pomerlaeu

## I. Opening Items

#### **Call the Meeting to Order**

Joseph Sciame called a meeting of the board of trustees of Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School to order on Monday Aug 24, 2015 @ 6:13 PM at 82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206.

#### **Approve Minutes**

P. Bramwell made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 07-17-15.

Kevin Nesbitt seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion. With revisions. Mr. Rivera and Ms. Theodore-Greene have abstained as they were not present at the last meeting.

#### **Establish dates for Board Meetings for 2015-16**

We have decided the following days: September 28th October 27th November 24th December 15th January 26th, 2016 February 23rd March 22nd April 26th May 24th June 28th.

## II. Update on School Status

#### **Executive Director's Report**

Update on school orientation: Mr. Tishuk presented the results of the parent survey. 245 parents responded. The top activities chosen by the group was a monthly event, family/parent organization meetings and parent led workshops. Parent were able to meet with teachers during the orientation. Based on the results of the survey, the school will rotate the monthly parent event from Friday morning to week day dinners.. A large amount of kindergarten families attended the orientation. The rough scores of the ELA and Math were presented to the board. He gave a brief explanation of the report presented. The parent survey will be made

available to parents through email or in the family center. Today was the first day of school. Most of the summer, the building had completed their repairs. The school was repainted to the original color. Shades had been added, bathrooms were redone. The staff had three weeks of training.

### III. Old Business

#### **Education Committee**

Cecelia presented the NYS report for the scores for ELA and Math.

#### **Engagement Committee**

Based on the results of the parents survey, the committee will work with the ED and the parents. Mr. Tishuk asked for an Engagement Committee to have an onsite meeting to discuss with parents the changes based on the board requests.

#### **Parent Board Member**

Ms. Mondesir gave her notice as the parent board member effective at the end of the school year. Mr. Sciame introduced to the topic to the parents in attendance.

### IV. New Business

#### **Board on Track**

Vicky will create a webinar to train all new board members to work on the system.

### V. Public Comments

#### **Public Comments**

Mr. Sciame thanked the four parents that have attended tonight's meeting. Ms. Adames asked that Mr. Tishuk greet students when they arrive in the morning. Based on the availability, he will try to accommodate. Ms. Julien asked about the school library. She mentioned that the excitement for reading that her kids expressed has decreased. Mr. Osborne stated that the library has been incorporated into the school. Ms. Unger, in agreement, gave examples of how the teachers would refresh their libraries and work with other grades to give the students fresh books. The replenishment of the books is class specific. Mr. Thomas will continue the public library visits. Ms. Adames asked about the guest speakers for the middle school. Ms. Pagan stated that the middle school has speakers in technology, culinary skills and high school process. Please send Ms. D'Anjou-Pomerleau any interested parties. Ms. Adames brought up the issue of lateness and the enforcement of the uniforms.

### VI. Closing Items

#### **Adjourn Meeting**

V. Rivera made a motion to Adjourn the meeting.

Cecelia Russo seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 08:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marlena Mondesir