

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

Meeting of September 19, 2013

Members Present: Joseph Sciame; Patricia Bramwell; Victor Rivera Jr.; Angel Charriez; Marlana Mondesir.

Members Absent: Cecelia Russo (excused); Mike Nieves; Kevin Nesbitt (excused) and Leticia Theodore-Green (excused);

Also Present: Joshua Morales (ED); K. Jones (A.L.), K. Stokley (Dir. Ops.), V. Moniz (Dir., S.S.); V. D’Anjou - Pomerleau (Special Asst.), S. Del Sherpa (AD, Curriculum & Assessment), J. Valdes (Teacher).

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A quorum being present, the Meeting commenced at 6:02 pm.

Mr. Sciame advised that he would produce the minutes of the June Board meeting at the next meeting for approval.

Mr. Morales advised the Board about the Summer 2013 Professional Development events at which were established and discussed metrics for performance. He noted that some teachers had been placed on improvement plans. He also advised that a new position had been established for the School: “Learning Coaches.” Mr. Sciame asked about teacher retention and was advised that 2 teachers had been let go and 2 teachers had been placed on an improvement plan. Of the 2 on a plan, 1 was very much improved and the other would likely have to be let go.

Mr. Morales advised the Board that the 2013/2014 budget had been devised based on an enrollment of 450 students. He advised that the School had to look into more ways to obtain revenue and noted that he was actively pursuing grants this year. He further noted that one project the School was pursuing was an urban garden, a service project in conjunction with an organization known as Students for Service.

Ms. Jones advised that the School was performing assessments of the students and that a grade level review of special needs assessment was also underway.

Ms. Moniz reported on the school culture and noted that the School, in conjunction with the Parents' Organization, was looking to implement a weekly workshop for parents.

Mr. Stokley reported on the proposed use of the School by the landlord on Sundays, as required under the lease.

Mr. Valdez was introduced to the Board.

Mr. Morales reported on potential crowd funding sources, such as "Crowdrise", where the School could solicit amounts for School projects.

Ms. Del Sherpa reported on the testing standards for the School and Ms. D'Anjou - Pomerleau reported on the School's performance on the most recent State tests. The test results pointed to a need to "ramp up" math instruction for the coming year.

Ms. D'Anjou-Pomerleau reported that she was organizing a Family Volunteer Day.

Mr. Charriez and Mr. Sciame asked if the School was in compliance with its audit. Mr. Morales advised that it was.

Mr. Rivera asked about the facilities and Mr. Morales noted that the structure was Ok but an increase in utilities was anticipated.

Upon a motion by Ms. Bramwell, seconded by Ms. Mondesir, the Board unanimously voted to recess the meeting at 7:32 p.m.