

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

Meeting of February 27, 2012

**Members Present:** Joseph Sciame; Patricia Bramwell; Victor Rivera Jr.; Cecelia Russo; Angel Charriez; Kevin Nesbitt.

**Members Absent:** Mike Nieves; Leticia Theodore-Green.

**Also Present:** Karen Jones (CAO); Joshua Morales (COO); Kashani Stokley (Dir. Ops.); Marlena Mondesir (Co-Pres., PO); Nirvani Budhram (Guest).

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A quorum being present, the Meeting commenced at 5:33 pm.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Bramwell and seconded by Mr. Charriez, the minutes of the January 19, 2012 meeting were adopted with all necessary corrections by a vote of 4 - 0 - 1 (Mr. Rivera abstaining and Mr. Nesbitt being absent).

Mr. Morales and Mr. Stokley reported to the Board on the School's operations. They advised that the enrollment and lottery numbers were increasing, but noted the competition for students in the area. They advised that the School's cash flow was good and that it was now believed that remedial work on the boiler had increased its efficiency and its life by approximately another two years.

Mr. Nesbitt arrived.

Mr. Morales advised the Board of a dynamic list of work that remains to be done at the School and that needed to be prioritized. Mr. Morales advised the Board that the contractor performing the work was owed money and stated that he was looking into other ways to pay for the remedial work, such as specific improvement grants.

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Ms. Jones reported on the School's academic status and advised that Saturday School was in full effect and that tutorials and ELA prep had begun. Mr. Sciame asked about parent involvement in the preparations and was advised by both Ms. Jones and Ms. Mondesir that discussions and tactics to encourage parental involvement had been had.

In the context of determining the strategy for a proposed middle school rollout, Mr. Morales presented to the Board a film about a DC-based technology-focused charter school that was a potential goal for the School's future efforts. Afterwards, Mr. Morales provided a proposed model organizational structure which would incorporate a stand-alone middle school. Mr. Morales advised the Board that he believed that the proposed middle school should commence in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Discussion of the proposed structure followed.

Ms. Russo advised that the Education Committee had received the rubric which would be used for evaluations in the coming period.

Ms. Jones advised the board that she, at this moment, believed that she would keep most, but not all, of the present instructors.

Ms. Russo noted that Latin instruction was scheduled to commence in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, but she noted that the Board's original idea was for Latin instruction to commence in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and she hoped that we would get back to that. Mr. Morales noted that the School had difficulty finding qualified Latin instructors.

Mr. Charriez reported to the Board that all bills were current, but for amounts owed to the contractor (who had not asked for any immediate payment of his receivable) and Mr. Morales. Mr. Sciame asked if the scaffolding issue had been addressed and was advised that it had. A discussion about the boiler then ensued.

Mr. Stokley again reminded the Board that not all bios had been received.

The Board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Nesbitt left.

Upon emerging from executive session, upon a motion by Mr. Charriez, seconded by Ms. Bramwell, the Board unanimously voted to recess the meeting at 7:45 p.m.