

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

Meeting of May 22, 2012

Members Present: Joseph Sciame; Patricia Bramwell; Cecelia Russo; Kevin Nesbitt; Leticia Theodore-Green; Marlene Mondesir

Members Excused: Angel Charriez and Victor Rivera

Member Absent: Mike Nieves

Also Present: Karen Jones (AL); Kashani Stokley (DOO) and Josh Morales (COO)

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A quorum being present, the Meeting commenced at 6:20 pm. The set of minutes from the April 17, 2012 meeting had been received and were reviewed. There were three items corrected: Page #1 – the addition of Kashani Stokley as having attended the meeting and movement of Kevin Nesbitt who was excused moved from “absent” line; Page #2 – third paragraph to r the words “was fighting” and replaced with “had opposition”; Page #3 – the word “treport” corrected to “report.” A motion was then made by Patricia Bramwell and seconded by Cecelia Russo and adopted unanimously.

Mr. Sciame, once again, reminded the Board of the need for the working committees of the Board to meet in between meetings and conduct business. He then spoke about future meetings and it was determined that the next meeting would be on Monday, June 18, 2012 and all wished it to be at 5:30. Subsequent meetings would be determined at the next meetings owing to the summer schedule.

**OPERATIONS:** Kashani Stokley provided a report with handouts. In sum, the numbers are strong both at the present registration, and for the future there is a waiting list being developed; the heating system is quite operational and well maintained, and the air-flow system is much improved. The 501©3 Foundation paperwork is yet pending.

Josh Morales spoke to the point of the increase in numbers and classes, and he reported that DOE had denied our request for a higher enrollment, other than what would be normal to the students moving up in class grade. The enrollment would be 15% above the current enrollment with 325 students for the 2012-13 academic year, which the members of the Board present felt that was a very positive number.

**ACADEMICS:** Karen Jones provided a complete report, as well, and she additionally reported that all positions had been filled and that she would be completing the review of the faculty/staff and getting the information to the Academic Committee within the next two weeks.

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Chair Sciame reported that there had been some discussion re the matter of additional Board members and he thought that Angel Charriez was going to be recommending a person or more for consideration. He asked that all current Board members seek other nominees. In a past discussion that took place regarding new Board membership, it was indicated that some thought might be rendered to obtain a banker, a realtor, a fundraiser and/or another professional for the Board. Once again, it was suggested that perhaps the Charter School Center in NYC might be able to lend some advice and/or referrals to help increase the current number on the Board.

**FUNDRAISING -** In terms of addressing the matter of FUNDRAISING, Josh Morales voiced a concern in that some fundraising would have to be done, and to this end more discussions and recommendation might be forthcoming at a subsequent meeting.

**EDUCATION:** Cecelia Russo reported that with regard to the 2011-12 Evaluation processes it was hoped that they would be taking place on schedule and a rubric would be developed by March 2012, but it has been delayed to May. All would be completed by June 2012 so that all concerned would be advised of their renewal and/or termination of services.

**FINANCIAL/PHYSICAL OPERATIONS:** Josh Morales provided extensive reports re the finances of the School, and that all appeared to be fine in terms of finances. A review of the budget for 2012-13 was made as presented, and for adoption at the June 2012 meeting.

**ENGAGEMENT:** Kevin Nesbitt reported that the protocols are in place. It was also mentioned that the Promotion Procedures are to be placed within the HANDBOOK for 2012-13, and those changes were to be drafted for implementation by Victor Rivera. Victor Rivera and Angel Charriez were to provide a draft of a rubric on this to Josh Morales.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Future Agendas –** Kashani Stokley requested that the Chair forward to him as soon as it is ready, the forthcoming agenda so that it might be posted in a timely fashion for public information.

**Posting of Documents –** Kashani Stokley also spoke to the point of the requirements to post documents in the future to the web site. To which the discussion led to agreement that at the June 2012 meeting a school policy would be developed for consideration by the Board.

**Election of Board Members:** In view of the rotation of terms, the terms of office of Board Members: Patricia Bramwell, Victor Rivera and Mike Nieves, which were from 2010-2012, would not be concluded. Therefore a motion was made by Cecelia Russo and seconded by Kevin Nesbitt that Patricia Bramwell and Victor Rivera be elected for the years 2012-15. All concurred and they were elected unanimously. Owing to the absence of Mike Nieves, his election would be postponed until a future meeting, based on his agreement to be nominated for an additional term.

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Recap of terms of office for Board Members, as previously elected:

2011-2014	Joseph Sciamè Cecelia Russo Angel Charriez
2012-2015	Patricia Bramwell Victor Rivera
2010-2013	Kevin Nesbitt Leticia Theodore Thorn
2012-2013	Marlena Mondesir

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8:00pm.

Submitted by notes taken by Chair Joseph Sciamè, and respectfully submitted.

Joseph Sciamè  
Chair, BSNBCS

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