

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

Meeting of October 27, 2011

Members Present: Joseph Sciame; Patricia Bramwell; Victor Rivera Jr.; Cecelia Russo; Angel Charriez; Thomas Alwood; 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); Rana Roberts (Co-Pres., PO); Migdalia Vargas (4th grade Teacher); Roxana Toro-Ruiz (4th Grade Teacher).

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A quorum being present, the Meeting commenced at 5:12 pm.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Bramwell and seconded by Mr. Charriez, the minutes of the September 15, 2011 meeting were adopted with all necessary corrections by a vote of 4 - 0 - 1 (Mr. Rivera abstaining), with Mr. Nesbitt and Ms. Russo not present.

Ms. Russo arrived.

Mr. Stokley reported to the Board on the School's operations, including enrollment and wait list numbers, and advised as to boiler issues which were being remediated.

Ms. Jones reported to the Board on the academic standards of the school, including a discussion of assessment standards for both students and teachers and the School's progress in implementing changes in response to the NYC Department of Education's (DOE) annual review. Mr. Morales advised that student assessments would begin in earnest in November.

Mr. Nesbitt arrived.

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The Board discussed the role of the permanent subcommittees and the need for those committees to be active in between meetings of the Board as a whole.

Mr. Sciame noted that the official opening of the library would take place on November 14, 2011 and requested that any Board members capable of attending do so.

Mr. Charriez reported to the Board on the financial status of the School.

Mr. Nesbitt reported to the Board on the Engagement Committee's efforts to help the Parent Organization (PO) start off strong. Ms. Mondesir and Ms. Roberts then reported to the Board on the efforts of the PO in the past academic year to schedule events for the School, as well as updating the Board on events that they are planning for the upcoming year.

Mr. Alwood announced to the Board that he would have to resign because of a DOE regulation that limited the number of Boards that he could sit on. He stated that he would remain on the Board through December 31, 2011. Mr. Morales then discussed with the Board the need to obtain additional Board members and to discuss the role of a potential parent sitting on the Board.

On a motion by Ms. Bramwell, seconded by Mr. Charriez, the Board unanimously voted to recess the meeting at 5:57 p.m.