

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

Meeting of Thursday, April 18, 2013

CORRECTED

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

Members Excused: Angel Charriez, Mike Nieves, Victor Rivera and Karen Jones

Public: Louis Mosley

Also Present: Karen Jones (AL); Kashani Stokley (DOO) and Josh Morales (IED) and Valerie Moniz (DSS)

The meeting commenced at 6pm sharp and a roll was taken. Chair J. Sciame stated that in the absence of the Board Secretary he would attempt to capture the flavor of the meeting as best as he could. In that regard and in the absence of the Minutes of April 2, 2013, the meeting progressed.

Chair Sciame also stated that he was pleased that the staff had developed a binder of materials that include all of the Agendas and Board Minutes from prior meetings. This presents us all with a good recap of what has been covered over the years. As well, it is our policy compilation in print.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: As submitted to members of the Board, highlights were reviewed as of this date:

- 326 students registered
- Overall target of 456 students
- Excellent Waiting List
- Capital Budget has been passed for 2013-14
- Board must adopt a budget for the School and approximately \$6.1M
- Discussion of vacancies for 2013-14
- DOE Visit and noted re financial "weakness"
- Evaluation in order to proceed with year ahead
- Academic Leader is conducting Observations and Referral of Recommendation to the EXD

-PO needs to be more formalized in its activities and leadership, and expression of some frustration, as the staff has made efforts

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – C. Russo reported PROGRESS

ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE – K. Nesbitt reported that there was a need for more involvement. He also indicated that an event in concert with AmeriCorps had taken place at John Jay College, CUNY, during the days of April 10-12 and BSNBCS had an information table. All thought this to be a good effort.

He also reported on Service Learning Information and how that plays into the activities of the school, especially for the future. C. Russo indicated that she too had been working on such for the past year and the connectivity had not been successful.

NEW BUSINESS: It was suggested by Chair Sciamè that at some time in the future a mini Career Day be held for the children, as he has seen at other schools, whereby the community members who are in various business come to visit the school and meet in classrooms with the children to speak about various professions. All thought this to be a good idea for the next academic year. As well, he indicated that Board members could provide good information from their own careers.

Election of the Trustees of the Board must take place either in May or June.

Under NEW BUSINESS, a discussion took place that evolved about “who we are” in terms of fulfilling our initial founding and mission. This may be a topic for the Summer Retreat, if not before.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: One public member who attended, Louis Mosley, offered his observations and stated that he thought there was also a need for Adult Reading Programs, a language program and some effort in the area of Financial Literacy. All agreed that these were good initiatives and based on funding, they could be activated. Moreover, it was the ongoing concern that there appears to be a lack of activity on the part of parents to become more involved.

The meeting concluded at 8pm with a motion made by Patricia Bramwell and seconded by Cecelia Russo, and all concurred. The next meeting would be as previously scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Sciamè

Joseph Sciamè, Chair

NOTE: MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED on May 16, 2013 at the Board Meeting with two corrections of title abbreviations, and a motion by Patricia Bramwell to accept and seconded by Marlene Mondesir, and carried unanimously.