

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
of the
BEDFORD-STUYVESANT NEW BEGINNINGS
CHARTER SCHOOL OF DECEMBER 19, 2013**

Board Members present: Joseph Sciame, Patricia Bramwell, Angel Charriez, and Marlene Mondesir

Conferenced in: Cecelia Russo (not counted for a quorum)

School Personnel present: Josh Morales

Board Members Excused: Victor Rivera, Leticia Theodore Green and Kevin Nesbitt

Chair Joseph Sciame called the meeting to order at 5:10pm, and he pointed out that owing to an end of the year social gathering, the meeting would have to conclude within one hour. All concurred. He then went on to present and review the minutes taken for the November 21, 2013 meeting, and asked that they be officially adopted in January owing to a lack of a quorum.

Update on School Status – During the course of this update, led by EXD Josh Morales, comments were made regarding the level of student progress in terms of the Singapore Program. Cecelia Russo offered that the Singapore Program was not aligned in the best way to “the Core.” She indicated further that “tutoring” was needed on a regular basis and that this had been suggested for a program that might be held on Saturdays and at last three times a month.

The EXD then spoke of the results of the latest monthly Dashboard and that was reviewed, and he indicated that there was a real focus on math and reading. He also related that Service Learning had been suspended and that an academic intervention class was established.

With regard to school operations, the EXD reported that there has been an accident with a school crossing guard, who had passed on.

There were two vacancies as of the meeting and both were being sought for quality personnel. In addition, a St. John's University Service Learning person was to come on board at some time in the future.

The EXD then reported on a matter relating to a mother, Sharon Collins, and her son, Jacob Wells, and DOE is currently reviewing this situation.

A second case is being reviewed for possible expulsion as well, but no name was presented for this case.

Mr. Morales also pointed out that he also is observing classes as well as the Academic Leader.

The Board in unison asked the question as to where Instructional Leadership was going at the School and Mr. Morales indicated that he would provide further details at a subsequent meeting.

Operations Report – Among the items reviewed and discussed were:

=The Parish of St. John the Baptist would have to present individual and detailed bills in order for the School to pay those bills. They must be listed by month with additional specificity. It also was stated that the relationship between the Charter School and the Parish is a healthy one, but clarity is always needed for the payment of various bills, and this had been the past procedure in terms of paying such utility bills thru the parish as opposed to directly from the charter school. This has ceased to be the case forward.

-Two incidents were reported, perhaps over the weekend, and when others are using the premises for religious education classes. K. Stokely is investigating these situations and will report back. In the case of the broken window, insurance coverage will pay for the expenses to be had. With regard to the paint on the gym floor, that incident may have occurred not necessarily on a weekend.

New Business – the Chair asked as to the lack of attendance at this meeting of the other school representatives as in the past, and the EXD indicated that owing to the social gathering this was the reason, but he felt that he could readily report on all areas for the group that has been attending the meetings. The Chair indicated that this might work for the most part, but that Board

members would like to hear from the various representatives of the areas about which they are concerned. This was an issue to be further discussed in the ensuing weeks.

Adjournment of Meeting – the meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm, but with no motion owing to the lack of a quorum.

Next meeting – Although the next meeting was to be set for Thursday, January 16, 2014 it was also mentioned that as school classes would only have been in session some two weeks, and that perhaps a later date might be arranged. That being the case, it was suggested that a meeting might or could be held the week of January 20th following the ML King weekend. All those present agreed, if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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