

**BRONX ACADEMY OF PROMISE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD  
September 14, 2021**

**Location:** Online via Zoom.com

**Present:** Rev. Dr. Michael Carrion, Milca Meyer, Carlibi Rojas, and Kevin Kearns

**Excused:** Agatha Akyere, and Dennis Sze

**Minutes:** Rev. Dr. Michael Carrion called the meeting into session at 7:04 pm

I The minutes of the Board meeting held in August 2021 were adopted by the board.

II. Opening Remarks.

- Rev Dr Michael Carrion opened the meeting with opening welcome remarks.

III. Principal Schiraldi presented the School Leader's Report:

**Attendance**

-Need this Information

**Enrollment**

| School Enrollment (as of October 2021) |       |            |
|--|-------|------------|
| Enrollment                             | Total | % of total |
| All Students                           | 588   | N/A        |
| Special Education                      | 113   | 19.2%      |
| English Language Learners              | 70    | 12%        |

**IV. Staff Updates/Changes**

- Released—
  - 2 Secretaries
  - Permanent Substitute (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Leave Replacement)
- Hired—
  - 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies Teacher – Thomas Egan
  - K-8 - Music – Omar Ore Quinones
- We are still looking to hire for the following positions:
  - 2 Secretaries

- Chef
- K-2 ELL Teacher
- 2nd grade teacher
- 5th grade teacher
- 6th grade teacher
- 7th/8th grade ELA/S.S. special ed. Teacher
- 7th/8th grade Math/Science special ed. Teacher
- S.T.E.M. teacher
- School Psychologist
- K-2 Instruction Coach
- 8-10 Afterschool Staff

### **Professional Development**

- ELA - Update from the ELA Academic Coach- Ms. Jimenez
- Math – Update from the Math Coach – Ms. Arshravan
- Restorative Practices & Social Emotional (SEL) – Update from the Dean, Ms. Osias & the Assistant Principal, Mr. Parrino

### **Curriculum and Instruction**

- The Math Readiness Assessment is being administered this week. Teachers will use their data from this assessment, along with the iReady Diagnostic, to create their guided math groups.
- Teachers have begun assessing each student one on one using the Fountas and Pinnell Reading Assessment in order to identify each student's reading level. Teachers will use the data from this assessment, along with the iReady Diagnostic, to form their guided reading groups.
- The ELL teachers are currently administering the NYSITELL Assessment to assess the English Language Level of new students whose home or primary language is other than English. Since this was not given last year due to being remote, students who were new to BAOP last year are also being assessed.
- Teachers will be administering the iReady Benchmark Diagnostic as soon as classroom laptops are all programmed and distributed to classrooms.

### **School Celebrations/Events**

- Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – First Day of School
- Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – All students received their free classroom supplies the school had purchased
- Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – School Audit

### **Covid-19 Safety Measures**

- Update from Mr. Parrino and Ms. Rivera
- Went over Staff and Student Covid Testing Protocols and Procedures
- Explained ways the school is making the building safe for instruction

### **Business Office Report**

- Annual audit to be completed in the beginning of October – Will update at next Board Meeting

### **VI. Executive Directors Report**

- Discussed possible issues with the building during expansion such as painting, street parking and other items.
- Will meet with developers on possible solutions with the assistance of Q.

### **VII. Unfinished Business**

- Board made notice of the importance of the Administration and Union Leadership's ability to work together on issues before bringing a grievance to the Board of Directors. Board members were in favor of a chain of command in which staff needs are met directly from conversations with Administration or Union Leadership and Administration. Monthly meetings between Administration and Union Leadership will take place.

### **VIII. Public Expressions**

- N/A

Board President made a motion to move to executive session and seconded by Carlivi Rojas at 8:12 PM.