



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD
March 12, 2024**

Location: In Person, 1349 Inwood Ave Bronx NY 10452

Present: Rev. Michael Carrion, Milca Meyer, Kevin Kearns, Glenn Corwin, and Carlibi Rojas,

Excused: Dennis Sze, and Aggie Akpalu

Minutes: Rev. Michael Carrion called the meeting into session at 7:00 pm

- I. The **minutes** of the Board meeting held in February 2024 were adopted.
- II. Principal Schiraldi presented the **School Leader's Report:**

Confirmed that translations is not needed in today's BAOP meeting

Enrollment

- Current Enrollment— 623 Total Students with Pre-K 44, K to 8 579 Students
- Special ED's 134 - 23%
- ELL 88 Students - 15%

Staff Updates

- Released - Kindergarten Teacher
- Hired - Kindergarten Special Ed Teacher - Ms L. Sanchez, 6th Grade TA - Ms. N. Jahan
- Positions To Be Filled: 3rd Grade Sped teacher, Kindergarten Teacher, 7th/8th grade science teacher

Curriculum and Instruction

- Board Questions on Teacher and Grade Level Team Observations
 - Q: Rev Carrion: What methods are recommended to the teachers to help students that are challenging
 - A: Teachers model specific behaviors to students and advocate for students
 - Q: Are rubric being provided to the teachers for what they will be assessed on?
 - A: Yes. we provide the teachers with what they will be measured in (weeks before the assessment period)
 - Q: How are we observing to determine areas that need to be addressed?
 - A: Individual assessment is done for each educator and then the strategy teams are observed as a team
 - A: Observe strengths and weaknesses - an instructional plan is put in place for teachers that have areas of development to encourage best practices
 - Q: Trends Special ed? -
 - A: Ensure self assessments/checklist are happening throughout the lesson and documenting areas of need and determining if intervention processes are needed

- A: We review the co-teaching models and as an individual educator; the child study team is determining if differentiated learning is happening with the students
- How can we leverage area college interns in our hiring of teachers assistants?
 - A: In our recruiting efforts some of the area college candidates do not want to work in the area of the South Bronx. This is the general feedback we received.
- **ELA Assessments** - Mock exams were given and we met as a team to analyze the data - The majority of the students need help in vocabulary (i.e. context clues need development).
 - Q: What are the tools that are being used to improve the vocabulary? How is speaking conversations being incorporated in the lesson?
 - A: Making connections with words; exploring the definition of the words by having deeper discussion about the meaning of the words and relating to the words
 - A: Group students with similar challenges and create centers with the group to expand knowledge of the troubled words
- Computerized mock will be in place for the standardized testing; we are in the process of incorporating computer/typing skills
 - Typing club has started for 5th and 8th grades
 - Improvements have been observed within a month's time frame: Average students were typing 12 words per minute. This has increased to 28 words per minute
- **Math Assessments**
 - Mock exams were completed by students; We analyzed the exam results and determined that the students had challenges in the following areas: multi step word problems writing math explanations.
 - Grouped students with similar challenges and reviewed the students in their group and encouraged group work through graphic organizers and various tools to fully developed their answers and thoughts

School Celebrations/Events

- Next month Bronx works are coming for a cooking demonstration
- Cyber bullying workshop: Goal - Help parents to monitor students, Social media observations 5th through 8th - 8 Families attended
 - Materials being used? - Actual real life situations are being communicated during the workshop and teaching parents how best to address these situations
 - BAOP board of directors is making this workshop mandatory all BAOP families
 - Add this workshop to parent orientation
 - For those who cannot make it they have to watch a video and certified that they have watched it

Exec Director Update

- New Building - Board president visited the new building and was pleased with the new building
- Board Class trip will occur shortly
- Lease discussion to be scheduled with the lawyer
- Furniture companies have visited to furnish the rooms (i.e. library) - Target end of March to order the new furniture)
- Flooring for gymnasium is being confirmed

Business Report

- None at this time.

IV. Public Expression

- None at this time.

V. Executive Session

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:23 pm