

**BRONX ACADEMY OF PROMISE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD  
October 12, 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 7:13 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**

- Principal Schiraldi informed that system updates were in progress

**Enrollment**

School Enrollment (as of October 2021)		
Enrollment	Total	% of total
All Students	594	N/A
Special Education	118	19.8%
English Language Learners	72	12%

Increased our ELL students at the K Level. In the future we continue to go to Head Start

- Dr. Rev Carrion requested the following for ELL Students:
  - Reminder: Target 25%
  - Strategy presentation at the November 2021 board meeting
  - Include plan and who is going to be accountable for the outreach, as well as key schools/community organizations that will be targeted
  - Role of the parent coordinator in the recruitment of ELL students

**IV. Staff Updates/Changes**

New Appointments	
Position	Filled by
Operations Associate – Claron Harvey	Claron harvey

K-8 – S.T.E.M. – Travion Joseph	Travion Joseph - 1st day 10/12/2021
2nd grade teacher – Marciana Baltazar	Maricana Baltazar
5th grade teacher – Tisje’ Pediford	Tisje Pediford
7th/8th grade ELA/S.S. Special ed. Teacher – Keith Robbins	Keith Robbins
7th/8th grade Math/Science Special ed. Teacher – Jeanna Groce	Jeanna Groce
School Psychologist – Kelsie Morales-Rojas	Kelsie Morales-Rojas
<b>Openings (as of October 12, 2021)</b>	
Position	Notes
Secretary/Operations Associate	
K-2 ELL Teacher	
6th grade teacher	
K-4 Guidance Counselor	
2 TAs	
Permanent Substitute	
Chef	
3 - Afterschool Staff	
<b>Released (as of October 12, 2021)</b>	
Position	Notes
TA	NYS Mandate - Opted to resign instead of getting vaccinated
K-4 Guidance Counselor	NYS mandated - Ms. Melendez - Not Vaccinated

### **Iready Training and Assessment**

- Staff Training conducted
- Student Assessments are in progress - additional updates to be provided in November Board meeting
- Initial concerns about the learning gaps that have resulted due to the 1 year and 1/2 pandemic
  - School Plans to devise a plan with the data teams on all fronts

### **Afterschool program - Rachel Oasis**

- 49 Student Enrollment
- Successful outcomes so far and additional applications are being reviewed
- 3 additional staff is required
- Program Includes:

- Homework and Snack
- Engineering program (Scratch coding program)
- Take to film (5th graders) - students will submit film product at the end of 6 weeks
- Chess - a lot of involvement from students
- Science - 4 types of science ( Mini science fair)
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#### **Covid-19 Safety Measures – Mr. Parrino**

- All staff were mandated to be vaccinated by Monday, October 4, 2021. No one who is unvaccinated is permitted into the building
- Ms. Schiraldi, Lyle Zuckerman, Miles from UFT and Mr. Parrino have been meeting to finalize the agreement
- Student Covid testing - 140 (all negative)
- Staff Weekly Covid Testing continue (targeting 20%)

#### **V. Business Office Report**

- Annual audit completed in the beginning of October - Meeting to discuss with the finance team next week
- ARP Funding application and plan is completed - On BAOP website
  - adding Uniform Gift Cards and Book Bags
- CSBN Financial Update – Tia Murphy
  - First year with MMB (2 weeks time frame) - No material findings
  - EOY with good surplus
  - Only issues is the vacant positions ( Aggressive hiring is required Administration

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

- Discussed with Jeff and Z (50% approval of drawings)
- 3 outstanding items
  - **Drawing Inclusion** - What he is including in the drawings for the building ( Opening and exiting for the building
  - **9 ft ceilings** - Concern that current projections are less than 9 and that is required for the classrooms.
    - Need to monitor closely as this specific needs to be incorporated in the drawings
- Preschool Applications are due to DOE by Oct 22, 2021 - Mrs. Jackovny is working on meeting the deadline
- The board has been requesting a timeline of the building project
  - Z has stated previously the completion of the project is August 2023
  - The Board has requested repeatedly for a Building Project timeline
- Given the timeframe for the completion, we need to have a backup incubation space to mitigate potential risks that the building is not fully complete by August 2023

#### **VII. Unfinished Business**

- N/A

#### **VIII. Public Expressions**

- N/A

Board President made a motion to move to executive session and seconded by Carlubi Rojas at 8:02 PM.