

Members Present

Henry A. Lambert, Chair
Michael A. Catlyn, Vice Chair
Diana J. Lee
Joanne Hunt (ex-officio, non-voting)

Others Present

Colathur Janardhanan
Deshana Hunte
Ehri Mathurin
Imani Irving

Members Excused

Mark David
Tony Betaudier

The meeting was held on October 6th, 2016 at Brooklyn Charter School, 545 Willoughby Avenue. The minutes of the last meeting on June 7, 2016 were approved and adopted at the beginning of the meeting pending revisions.

Finance

The per-pupil allocation has increased for this year to \$14027 an increase of \$250 per student.

Budget Narrative: Joanne presented a summary of operational needs for the 2016-17 with a comparison in cost from the previous school year. The basic plan for 2016-17 school year is to spend conservatively and stay within budget. (Please see attachment)

The school currently has a total of 12 classrooms. There are currently 233 students enrolled. The school budgeted for 240 students. Recruitment of students was discussed and the board is requesting a plan for recruitment for 2017-18. Utilizing the internet, a street team, a consultant, and local advertisements to Universal Pre-K Centers/Daycares was discussed and these were some ideas that could be incorporated into the school's recruitment plan for 2017-18

The audit is in the process of being completed. More information about the audit will be discussed at the November 2017 board meeting.

Education:

2015-16 NYS ELA and Math Test Scores: (See attachment)

- 36.7% of students in grades 3-5 scored at a Level 3 or above on the NYS ELA test
 - *BCS grew 17.7% from the previous school year (19%)*

- 31.3% of students in grades 3-5 scored at a Level 3 or above on the NYS Math test
 - *BCS regressed 2.7% from the previous school year (34%)*

The attachment presents comparative data to NYS schools, NYC public schools, NYC charter schools, Public School 23 and Community School District 14.

BCS will continue to utilize the Teacher’s College Curriculum for Humanities. For mathematics the school will now utilize the nyEngage Math Curriculum which the recommended curriculum by the New York State Education Department. This math curriculum is fully aligned to Common Core Learning Standards and will provide our students with a strong foundation which will not only prepare our children for testing but will also put them on a track of preparedness for college.

Legal

Updates will be discussed in Executive Session.

Family Action Committee

Ms. Deshana gave brief parent feedback. There was an emergency election for the new PTA executive board. The current FAC will operate as a PTA during the 2016-2017 school year. There is willingness for parents to ramp up community involvement. Ms. Deshana stated plans to attend CEC for District 14.

Head of School Report

Faculty updates: Joanne handed out the 2016-17 organizational sheet. (Please see attachment) The school is still in need of an Integrated Co-Teacher (ICT) and a replacement for a 2nd grade General Education teacher until this teacher comes back from maternity leave.

The board requested a breakdown of student/faculty demographics:

Student Demographics:

Race/Ethnicity:

African-American	81.9%
Hispanic	15%
Caucasian	2.1%
Asian	0.8%

Where are the students coming from?

Brooklyn:	96.5%
Queens:	2.6%
Bronx:	0.8%

How many students are bused in? 50.1% are bused into BCS

Yellow Bus:	45.9% (107 students)
Private Bus:	4.2% (10 students)

Free/Reduced Lunch for 2015-16 was 73%. The school is in the process of collecting the data for the 2016-17 school year.

Special Needs:

Students with Individual Education Plans: 10% (24 students)

English as a New Language (ENL): 6% (15 students)

Faculty Demographics:

African American: 58%

Caucasian: 22%

Hispanic: 10%

Asian: 10%

Teacher Demographics:

African American: 58%

Caucasian: 32%

Hispanic: 5%

Asian: 5%

Campus Updates: The school has developed a collaborative and positive relationship with the P.S. 23 campus Principal. BCS has access to the gymnasium 5 days a week as well as weekly access to the auditorium for Harambe and monthly Success assemblies.

Operations: The school had two shelter-ins during the week of September 26th. The school needs to purchase 2-4 walkie-talkies that are on the same frequency as P.S. 23 in order to remain in constant communication during emergency situations. The school will need to host CPR training for faculty (8-10) as BCS has 0 members on file with CPR certification. The school had a Code Blue drill and obtained a score of 14/21 which is prompting the need for a CPR training.

The next Board Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.