

Members Present

Henry A. Lambert, Chair

Michael A. Catlyn, Vice Chair

Diana J. Lee

Mark David

Joanne Hunt (ex-officio non-voting)

Others Present

Pamptata Sanders

Colathur Janardhanan

Robert Morales

The meeting was held on May 10th at the Brooklyn Charter School. The meeting was called to order at 5:45pm. The minutes for the meeting held on March 15th, 2018 were approved. A special board meeting was held via Conference Call on April 2nd and the minutes from this meeting were approved.

The BCS Board called the special board meeting held on April 2nd to increase its efforts to attract, enroll, and retain students representing special populations in its annual lottery and with the intent of creating lottery preferences to these special populations.

Enrollment

There has been an increase in the number of applications via the school's website compared to this time last year, from 95 to 106 applications. In addition, there were 184 applications through Mint, the NYC Charter School Application Portal. BCS has confirmed that 5 students will be attending from Citizens of the World. From the lottery, 21 families have turned in paperwork, ensuring a full class for next year's kindergarten. This is well ahead of the same point last year and the school is now working on filling a second kindergarten class with the aim of having 35 to 40 children starting kindergarten this coming year.

Joanne is confident that the school will have over 240 students enrolled this year. Many more families came and toured the school and attended events. It helped that Joanne met with every interested family. Michael stressed the need not to let up the efforts to reach out to the neighborhood over the summer, including ensuring that we are properly staffed to deal with this.

After School Program

There was a total of 28 paid students in the After School Program this year.

Academic Report

The students completed their NY State ELA and Math Tests with 6 students opting out. One of the students who opted out can't speak English. Four students will opt out of the Science tests.

Ten percent of the students have IEPs and the school should be accommodating 16% students with IEPs. The Board read the minutes of the special board meeting regarding enrolling and retaining students with special needs and passed a resolution to address this.

A computer programming curriculum is going to be introduced into the school day. This will be valuable for attracting families considering BCS for their children and it is something that we can use to differentiate ourselves. We are currently exploring what this curriculum should look like and how it will be taught.

Financial Report

The school currently has \$2,050,000 in its investment account.

The school already has a loss of \$406,516 as of the end of March. The school is expecting a one time payment of \$90,000. With Title I, plus Henry, Mark, and Ben Lambert's contributions the school will still have a loss of approximately \$500,000 for the year. BCS currently has 195 students enrolled. If we have 240 students next year we will have a surplus of close to \$200,000.

We are trying to get the Bridal Garden to contribute something for this year.

Staff are currently paying 5% of Health Insurance and will increase this to 10% next year. This should be tied to teacher compensation and these should be voted on together.

School Policies

Diana is updating or creating new policies for the school.

The next Board Meeting will be held at the home of Henry Lambert at 6pm on June 12th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm.