

Members Present

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

Others Present

Pamptata Sanders
Mary Kate Boesch
Colathur Janardhanan
Robert Morales

The meeting was held on June 12th, 2018 at the home of Henry Lambert. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. The minutes for the meeting held on May 10th, 2018 were not previously distributed – it was agreed that these would be considered approved once distributed and reviewed, subject to any comments.

A total of 39 students have been enrolled for the coming school year, including 24 kindergarten students. This is considerably more than at the same time last year. The school is targeting 1st Grade, which will be a smaller class due to this past year's smaller than usual kindergarten class. As of now there are 5 students who will not be returning to the school next year, 3 of whom are going to be 5th graders. Enrollment has been affected by competition from five Success Academy Schools in our district alone.

The auditors and the board reached an agreement regarding a board member's expenses, which the auditors had felt should be reimbursed. These expenses will be repaid to the school over a period of time. A promissory note will be developed before the end of the school year and will be signed by the board member for the agreed upon expenses.

The school board approved a tentative school budget for the 2018-19.

There have been 764 new users coming to the school's website this month, which is down from the previous month. The drop is most likely accounted for by the heightened activity the previous month as families searched for schools for their children for the coming school year following the lottery and before the summer. Matt, from Final Piece, confirmed that "new users" means each new user recorded from a new IP address or new device and are considered to be new users who have never previously visited the site. "All traffic" is defined as the total number of visits to the webpage, whether these are new or returning users.

The After School program was a success, with 28 families paying to participate in this. Already 26 families have expressed interest for next year, with two families leaving the school. Joanne

expects higher enrollment this year as last year's program was only introduced half-way through the school year.

The school has been working on introducing a computer programming curriculum that will help BCS stand out and provide valuable skills to the students and that will complement their academic curriculum. The school has engaged Ray Moncado as a consultant for this project and he has been working with the school's technology teacher, Miss Jones, to select an appropriate curriculum. Kodable was selected as it is designed for grades K-5 and has easy to follow lesson plans and provides a good structure for introduction to computer science instruction. The complete K-5 curriculum for the school would cost a total of \$2,700, including some professional development resources for the technology teacher. The school already has hardware, including iPads, but even if we decide to upgrade these to a newer version for a class worth of students, the one-time cost will be under \$10,000.

BCS will continue to work on its early literacy program with partner DOE schools, starting in July, as part of the Learning Partner Program.

The school had a loss of approximately \$500,000 this year, as a result of the number of students. Expenses were lean but we were well below our target of 240 students. With 240 students the school would have had a positive balance for the year.

The school will be going through the renewal process this year, with the application due on September 30th. To prepare for this we will be reviewing and updating the school policies by June 29th. We will also review which of these policies are mandated and which are voluntary.

Henry suggested that the Board would like to be better informed about the choices made in terms of the school's academics, including how we select which curriculum to follow.

The date of the next Board Meeting will be determined in August.

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.