

Members Present

Henry A. Lambert, Chair
Diana Lee
Feona Huevo
Mark David
Joanne Hunt (ex-officio non-voting)

Others Present

Ariel Arnold

The public meeting was held telephonically and with videoconferencing access from Brooklyn Charter School (Room 304) on August 28th, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am. The minutes for the meeting held on July 29th, 2019 were approved.

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Test Scores

There was an improvement in ELA scores with 54% of students receiving a 3 or 4 on the tests compared to 47% last year. This reflects a general positive trend of improving ELA results for BCS dating back to 2015. BCS outperformed the neighboring public school, the district and NYC DOE schools.

In Math there was a decline in scores with 53% of students receiving 3s and 4s compared with 67% last year. However, these results were better than the results from the years prior to last year and BCS outperformed the neighboring public school, the district and NYC DOE schools.

The initial analysis is that the ELA curriculum is really working and helping our students perform well on the tests. The after-school tutorial is also paying off – the administration will look at the data and see how the students who regularly attended this program performed. This data will be shared at the next board meeting. In addition, BCS took in several students from failing schools last year and these students were starting from a disadvantaged position which played a part in the decline of the math test scores.

Enrollment

We are budgeting for 220 students. BCS currently has 220 students enrolled and is continuing to enroll more students. This includes 31 students in kindergarten. For now, there is one class split between 2 rooms and 3 teachers. If this number remains consistent through October, we will add another teacher and have two classes but will continue to add more students into the kindergarten. We will make a decision on this as soon as we know how many students are attending. A final 2019-20 BCS budget will be approved at the September 2019 Board of Trustees meeting.

Organizational Update

Mary Kate Boesch, the Assistant Principal, is moving to upstate New York and will be leaving the school. Pamptata Sanders will be acting interim Assistant Principal. Ms. Kim, a kindergarten teacher, left the school to work in a DOE school. One of our second grade teachers moved to Florida and has been replaced by Ms. Ivy Lewis. In addition, two first grade teachers' contracts were not renewed. There are 25 students entering first grade and of these 5 students are new to the school and the remainder moved up from our kindergarten. If 1st grade grows much more we would open up a second class.

Bridal Garden

The Bridal Garden has now been closed down. Kevin Drakeford was the lawyer advising us on this closure and we followed all of his instructions in the process of closing down the business.

The next Board Meeting will be held at the Brooklyn Charter School at 6pm on September 17th, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.