

Members Present

Henry A. Lambert, Chair

Diana Lee

Tony Betaudier

Feona Huezo

Mark David

Joanne Hunt (ex-officio non-voting)

Others Present

Pam Sanders

Ariel Arnold

Robert Morales

The meeting was held at the Brooklyn Charter School on February 24th, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6pm. The minutes for the meeting held on January 14th, 2020 were approved.

Academics

The second iReady Diagnostics tests were conducted. An analysis of these test results suggest that the TAP program is working. Out of 50 students in the Math TAP program 22 saw growth of between 25%-50% in Math. Out of 46 students in the ELA TAP program 22 saw growth of between 25%-50% in ELA. See the attached breakdown of results in Appendix 1 to these board meeting minutes. The data will also be analyzed for students not in the TAP program.

There are currently 13 instructors for TAP. The program starts with 30 minutes of iReady computer work and is then followed by 45 minutes of tutoring. Eight students have been added to the ELA TAP program. Two students tested out of TAP. There are on average 2 to 5 children per tutor.

There are 46 students enrolled in Summit and 26 students enrolled in STEM.

Joanne will arrange for Raymond to review all the computer programs being conducted in the school.

Financials

There is currently a \$553,000 surplus. Ariel is projecting a surplus in June of \$10,000. School spending is down.

Henry and Ariel will call Chase together to set up an Escrow Account. Ariel will first confirm the specific requirements for the Escrow Account.

Enrollment

BCS currently has 219 students enrolled. There are 39 students in 3rd Grade, 48 students in 4th Grade, and 46 students in 5th Grade. There have been 25 new students enrolled in the past year and 49 students in the past two years.

The TAP program has helped any new students who are struggling to get up to speed. Kindergarten is the strongest grade.

Mr. Angel is continuing to build relationships with the higher performing pre-schools. Students from these organizations have a good foundation when they start kindergarten at BCS. He is also leaving materials at laundromats and bodegas.

BCS brings Performing Arts performances to daycares and childcares to introduce families to the school.

Mr. Angel follows up with all the kindergarten parents to see how they are finding the school and what brought them to BCS.

We need to emphasize in our outreach how BCS does in terms of getting children into middle schools and then once there how the former BCS students perform.

Joanne is going to meet with the Custodian and the Principal of the public school, which shares the building with BCS, to discuss signage in order to ensure that we have prominent signage at both entrances to the school.

Joanne distributed a draft of the Leadership Succession Plan for review.

The next Board Meeting was to be held at the home of Henry Lambert but will be held via Zoom conference calling in light of the Coronavirus.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

APPENDIX 1

Tutoring Assistance Program (TAP)

i-Ready Growth Measures

ELA- 46 total students

25%-50% growth= **22** students

1%-25% growth=**11** students

No growth= **13** students (Of the 13 students, 11 students missed at least 2 of 7 TAP sessions)

No students tested out of the program

8 students were added based on new i-Ready data.

Math- 50 total students

25%-50% growth= **22** students

1%-25% growth=**18** students

No growth= **10** students (Of the 10 students, 6 students missed at least 2 of 7 TAP sessions)

2 students actually tested out of the TAP program.

Breakdown of new students to BCS in grades 3-5 (Upper School)

3rd grade total: 39

New to BCS in grade 3: 9

New to BCS in grade 2: 7

41% of the current 3rd grade has attended BCS for 2 years or less

4th grade total: 48

New to BCS in grade 4: 8

New to BCS in grade 3: 10

38% of the current 4th grade has attended BCS for 2 years or less

5th grade total: 46

New to BCS in grade 5: 8

New to BCS in grade 4: 7

33% of the current 5th grade has attended BCS for 2 years or less

Total of Upper School Students (2019-20): 133

New students from 2018-19: 49

Overall percentage of new Upper School students from 2018-19: 37%