

Minutes – for BCCS Directors Meeting on April 8, 2020 held virtually on Zoom

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Joe Bizzozero. A quorum was present.

In attendance:

Board: Courtney Bauknecht, Joe Bizzozero, Christina Cruz, Charles Heaven, Jeanine Pocoski, Annie Scott, Marianne Silva, Don Thompson

Staff: Nancy Landona, Katie Parente, Barbara Ruggiero, Lily Zhao, Laura Callachan (CT Charter Network)

There were no public comments.

Minutes of the previous meeting of March 18, 2020 were distributed via email.

- Motion to approve minutes – Charlie Heaven; 2nd – Jeanine Pocoski. Approved unanimously.

Financials dated February 29 were presented by Charlie Heaven and Nancy Landona.

- Motion to approve – Courtney Bauknecht; 2nd – Marianne Silva. Approved unanimously.

New business:

- Motion to approve the renewal of our Business Loan with Webster Bank – Annie Scott; 2nd – Charlie Heaven. Approved unanimously.
- Motion to continue Healthy Food Certification option for the School Nutrition Program as follows: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Page 3 of 6 | Connecticut State Department of Education Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups. Marianne Silva; 2nd – Christina Cruz. Approved unanimously.
- Motion to allow combined food and beverage exemptions under the Healthy Food Certification option for the School Nutrition Program as follows: The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is

being held. Marianne Silva; 2nd – Christina Cruz. Approved unanimously.

- Barbara Ruggiero presented updated Technology Policy regarding student cell phones and devices. Motion to approve new policy – Jeanine Pocoski; 2nd – Christina Cruz. Approved unanimously.
- Barbara Ruggiero discussed the Paycheck Protection Program under the CARES Act. Motion to apply for PPP funding – Joe Bizzozero; 2nd – Marianne Silva. Approved unanimously.

Director's Report:

TCC Group initiative - Because of the Pandemic we have delayed our follow up meeting and are considering expanding the scope of the survey of the school's issues.

BCCS account signatures will have to be changed because of the resignation of Andy Sternlieb from the Board.

Updates on grant activities.

Updates on current building activities – cleaning, maintenance.

Governance:

Annie Scott updated the Board on preparations for our annual meeting in June which will include a new slate of officers and individual Board Evaluation input.

There was no other business to come before the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Next Meeting Wednesday, May 20, 2020 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by: O. Joseph Bizzozero MD, Board Assoc Chairperson