

Minutes – For BCCS Board of Directors Meeting, March 17, 2021 held virtually via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 5:39pm by Annie Scott

In Attendance:

Board: Christina Cruz, Anthony Gay, Charles Heaven, Jeanine Pocoski, Ana Rosa, Annie Scott, Maria Vega

Staff: Nancy Landona, Katie Parente, Barbara Ruggiero, Lily Zhao

Absent: Courtney Bauknecht, Don Thompson

Public comments: None at this time.

Motion to change the agenda to pull out the January 31st financials from consent items – Charles Heaven; 2nd – Anthony Gay. Approved

Consent Items:

- Minutes of the February 17, 2021 meeting were distributed via email.

Motion to approve consent items– Jeanine Pocoski; 2nd – Maria Vega. Approved

Financials dated January 31, 2021 were presented by Charles Heaven.

- Debt is being reduced.
- Strong balance sheet.
- PPP loan forgiveness application will be in process soon.
- Expenses are down due to students being remote.

Motion to approve – Ana Rosa; 2nd - Jeanine Pocoski. Approved

Governance:

Motion to present a nominee Lauren Stumpf for the board – Jeanine Pocoski; 2nd- Charles Heaven. Approved

Discussion of the nominee:

- Interested in serving at BCCS board.
- Has extensive financials credentials.
- Nominee is very personable and eager to help.

Motion to move nomination forward. Approved

- Reviewed Bylaws
- Board needs to recruit more board members. Encourage attorney representation in the Board.
- Will invite Lauren to the next board meeting.

Teacher Shout out:

Christina Cruz, 6th teacher who led 6th grade students in a Future City project which entailed the use of ethics, science, engineering and math. Students were given rubrics and had to design their own slides, write an essay and build a city while using real resources. The students did a fantastic job on their own.

Director's Report:

- Lottery update: 406 students applied for the PK, K, 6th grades. Most of the advertising happened by Word of Mouth. Lots of New York charter school applicants.
- Parent/teacher Conferences are being held today and tomorrow. All virtual.
- Covid issues: many teachers are vaccinated or getting vax. About 1/3 of students still fully remote.
- Give Local campaign will take place April 20-21st. Share info with friends/family.

Other business:

- Testifying at legislative committee hearings: A few BCCS parents gave their testimony virtually, along with Dr. Barbara.
- Proposals for more equal funding are being presented.
- Reach out to Laura from CT Charter School Association for testimony template.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm

Motion to approve: Jeanine Pocoski; 2nd- Ana Rosa. Approved

Next meeting Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted by: Ana Rosa