

## **Minutes – For BCCS Board of Directors Meeting, July 20, 2022, held virtually via Zoom**

Meeting called to order at 5:37pm by Annie Scott

In Attendance:

Board: Anthony Gay, Jeanine Pocoski, Ana Rosa, Annie Scott, Maria Vega, Kristin White

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

Guest: None at this time

Absent: Noreen Buckley, Jonathan Gotterer, Lauren Stumpf, Olivia Tangredi, Don Thompson

Public comments: None at this time.

Consent Items:

Minutes from June 15, 2022, meeting were distributed via email.

Financials from May 2022 were distributed via email.

Motion to approve the consent items – Ana Rosa; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Anthony Gay. Approved

Charles Heaven's term ended in June 2022. We are incredibly grateful for the years he dedicated to BCCS.

Lauren Stumpf will transition to Board Treasurer.

Reviewed materials from board symposium workshop. Will schedule Ruben Felipe to come in and meet with BCCS board members and discuss how to better support charter schools.

Highlights from symposium:

- Charter schools average in both Math/ELA outdid Host schools.
- Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Chief Performance Officer for CT BOE is excited about the CHOICE programs' growth all around CT. (Published by Hartford Courant, March 16, 2022)
- Charter schools are on solid ground with regards to accountability functions.
- Needs improvement with extracurricular activities, and equitable access to funding.
- Ruben will discuss further in detail in a future meeting the items that still does not exist and needs to be worked on.
- How charter schools affect climate
  - Negativity rising=opposition, increasing challenges.
- Currently there are 21 charter schools in CT.
- Wins-increasing funds, more seats, new proposals (RFP) for new charter schools.

BCCS Charter Renewal Application is due in September 2022.

- No negative findings in previous renewal.

- Current charter expires June 30, 2023,
- BCCS will be evaluated based on a set of categories
- Community members are all welcomed to attend the public hearing.
- Full day review visit by State of CT could take place Nov-Jan.

Building update: Roof is completed on Rectory except for the flat part area.

PCLB and Give Local funds has been disbursed to BCCS.

Summer School Director's Report:

Lily reported students in grades K-5 taking part in the summer enrichment and for these first 3 weeks has been going well. Students have taken part in field trips, water activities and are very engaged while learning.

A group of 12 students are taking part in a Pilot shadowing program at St. Mary's Hospital in thanks to the collaboration with Pastor Reese (Grace Baptist Church). The students can re-enact real-life emergencies and practice how to respond, while learning what the job entails.

Graduation in June was a wonderful event.

- Families extremely excited and appreciative of the teacher's testimony for their student's growth.
- Most students moving on to their CHOICE schools vs. District schools.
- Discussed tracking students' as they progressed to HS and Postsecondary education.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm

Motion to approve— Ana Rosa; 2<sup>nd</sup> — Kristin White. Approved.

Next meeting Wednesday, August 17, 2022, 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted by: Ana Rosa