

Minutes – For BCCS Board of Directors Meeting, January 17, 2024, held virtually via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 5:41 pm by Annie Scott

In Attendance:

Board: Olivia DeGennaro, Anthony Gay, Subira Gordon, Ana Rosa, Annie Scott, Don Thompson, Maria Vega, Ashlyn Vicencio

Staff: Nancy Landona, Dr. Barbara Ruggiero, Carrie Skaggs,

Guest: Laura Callachan (CTCSA)

Absent: Dr. Joe Johnson, Lauren Stumpf (EX),

Public comments: None at this time.

Consent items:

- Financials from November 2023 were distributed via email
- Minutes from the December 20, 2023, meeting were distributed via email

Motion to approve the consent items- Ana Rosa; 2nd – Olivia DeGennaro.

Motion carries with 6 votes in Favor, 0 votes Against, 1 votes Abstain. Approved

Governance:

Board members reminder to return “Conflict of Interest/Nepotism” form to Dr. Barbara as soon as possible.

Welcome Ashlyn Vicencio from M&T Bank as a new Board Member to BCCS.

All board members introduced themselves.

Director’s Report:

- CSDE has pushed the decision on the petitions to March 6th. Meeting with the state has been changed to March (for sped Waterbury reimbursement). The next payment from the state will come in at the end of March. Still not sure when Waterbury will make a payment. Also working on the budget for next year.
- Thanks to Board member Anthony Gay for presentation to BCCS parents regarding social media.
 - The event was open to the whole school
 - Anthony offered to do it again at a time better suited for families
 - Discussed with families using technology the correct way
- Facility issues- the few heavy rainstorms took a toll on the buildings. Asking the roofers for assessments of each area, priorities, and cost. Need to obtain a few more estimates for repairs. HVAC, and floors repaired.
- Projectors were installed in most of the classrooms during the holiday break thanks to funding from the Leavenworth Foundation.
- A professional development will be held for the teachers on how to use the Epson projectors. Mrs. DeGennaro has been able to figure out how to utilize the system and test it out and so far very good system.

- The week of January 22 is School Choice Week. This is a time to bring awareness to everyone about school choice. The purpose is to support excellence in education and have models to push that forward.
- CTCSA Update Legislative session starts Feb 7th. More information to come as it becomes available. The Black & Puerto Rican Caucus had a public forum meeting yesterday did highlight some issues about charter school funding.
Board member Don Thompson asked about the status of the concept of opening a charter HS in Waterbury and Laura says CoLab are still interested in doing so and went thru RFP process but not approved.
Board member Subira Gordon noted that it would be a good idea for Board members to write letters, about how to elevate and lift up the stories for the National School Choice Week. Especially to highlight the work of charter schools and clear the misconceptions people have.

No new business.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Thompson; 2nd – Subira Gordon.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Ana Rosa