

Minutes - for BCCS Board Meeting on March 18, 2020 held telephonically

Meeting called to order with a quorum at: 5:40PM

In attendance:

- Board: Andy Sternlieb, Joe Bizzozero, Christina Cruz, Charlie Heaven, Marianne Silva and Courtney Bauknecht
- Staff: Barbara Ruggiero, Nancy Landona, Lily Zhao, Katie Parente and Laura Callachan (CT Charters)

We suspended the usual discussion of items like approving minutes, review of financials and Phase 3 construction and put off discussion of those items to the next meeting on April 8, 2020 which is a week earlier than usual because school is scheduled to be closed beginning Friday, April 10 through Friday, April 17 for spring holiday.

Dr Barbara, along with Nancy, Lily and Katie, lead the discussion which was focused on the following:

- The school closure process which commenced on Friday March 13 in response to the closure of Waterbury Public Schools, and the public health exigencies
- A readout of the conference call Dr Barbara participated in earlier on the morning of 3/18 with state officials
- A receipt of a waiver from CSDE of days due to a closure for a period of time related to COVID-19 risks provided we provide education through distance learning to all students
- Whether or not SBAC testing will be postponed or eliminated
- The deep cleaning of all 4 buildings by our custodial staff
- The implementation of our Distance Learning program and the implications for our students, families and staff, and compliance with state rules and regulations
 - the distribution of chromebooks to each student, making sure families have internet access, how teachers are interacting with students and families and continuing instruction, the creativity and dedication of staff, and continuation of intervention/SpEd services

Dr Joe discussed and explained issues and concerns about the medical implications of the coronavirus, the necessity to wash hands frequently and practice social distancing, and how the 2 local hospitals are gearing up in response to the health emergency

The board and leadership agreed we should be prepared that school closure could extend to the end of the term

Motion to adjourn- Joe, 2nd- Christina. Meeting adjourned at 6:50

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 5:30PM

Submitted by: Andy Sternlieb, Chairman