

Minutes – For BCCS Board of Directors Meeting, March 16, 2022, held virtually via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 5:47 pm by Annie Scott

In Attendance:

Board: Anthony Gay, Jonathan Gotterer, Jeanine Pocoski, Ana Rosa, Annie Scott, Lauren Stumpf, Olivia Tangredi, Maria Vega, Kristin White

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

Guest: Laura Callachan

Absent: Noreen Buckley, Charles Heaven, Don Thompson

Public comments: None at this time

Minutes from January 19, 2022, meeting were distributed via email.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes – Ana Rosa; 2nd – Jeanine Pocoski. Approved

Minutes from February 16, 2022, meeting were distributed via email.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes – Kristin White; 2nd – Olivia Tangredi. Approved. 2 board members abstained.

Financials dated January 2022 were presented by Nancy Landona.

- Repairs and maintenance expenses are higher than usual due to HVAC issues and supplies taking longer than usual to become available, which then creates a chain reaction of repairs taking longer to complete.
- Federal grants requested in March for Title I, II, & IV – all approved by the State.
- More ARP-Essex grants may become available to apply for in June.
- Sped reimbursement bill will be submitted soon.
- Overall strong balance sheet.

Motion to approve Ana Rosa; 2nd – Lauren Stumpf. Approved

Director's Report:

- Facilities:
 - Multiple roofing bids have been submitted for the church and rectory buildings.
 - Discussed whether the bids include warranty service and extra costs, such as plywood replacement, and the availability of the companies to complete the job.

Motion to approve the bid for \$379,000 with the condition for the warranty to be included - Ana Rosa; 2nd – Maria Vega. Approved

- Granville Academy/Links:
 - Collaborate with the Links sorority by providing council to youth regarding professional opportunities.
 - 8th graders participated in a social-emotional issues session which provided good exposure and mentoring to students.
 - Collaborating with BCCS teachers to provide 7th to 8th-grade students information for jobs in the healthcare field.
 - Students are encouraged to join and participate in the summer program.
 - Students participated in an Extended Saturday morning Granville session. Learned about mindfulness and incorporated the lessons learned into the classroom.

- Covid:
 - Very few cases, no class closures in the last month.
 - Masks usage continues to be supported by students/families; extended with support from Board.
 - Will be revisited depending on the virus trend. Other illnesses such as flu may be considered for masking/unmasking.

- Lottery:
 - Will be held tomorrow March 17 at 2 pm.
 - So far 400-450 applications have been submitted. Down from previous years.
 - Families will be notified via email to watch the live broadcast of the lottery.
 - 36 spaces are currently available for PreK.
 - Otherser will have to be waitlisted until a space becomes available.

- RFP for new charters available – Dec 1st, 2022, deadline for application:
 - Discussed the possibility of opening a new high school and its location.
 - PCLB asked if BCCS would consider expanding into HS and/or creating a new high school.
 - PCLB is offering \$150,000 grant for new charter schools- deadline April 30th.
 - Ruben Felipe will investigate for further information regarding multiple schools under 1 charter or if need to be separated.
 - Will need to reach out to our State Representatives Geraldo Reyes and Senator Joan Hartley for support if so. Also, reach out to Rep Napoli and DiGiovancarlo.

Other business:

- Board materials email from CTCSA - information available to board members, log in and check it out.
- Shoutout Charter facilities to Nancy published; testimony sharing Nancy Landona, Ana Rosa, and Donald Thompson.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm

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

Next meeting Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted by: Ana Rosa