

## **Minutes – For BCCS Board of Directors Meeting, May 19, 2021 held virtually via Zoom**

Meeting called to order at 5:37pm by Dr. Barbara Ruggiero

In Attendance:

Board: Courtney Bauknecht, Christina Cruz, Anthony Gay, Charles Heaven, Jeanine Pocoski, Ana Rosa, Annie Scott, Lauren Stumpf, Don Thompson, Maria Vega

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

Students: Ariana Estrada, Kaitlyn Keenan, Neyahria Staten-Moore

Guest: Laura Callahan, Ruben Felipe, Jamie Murphy 5<sup>th</sup> Grade BCCS Teacher

Absent:

Teacher Shout out:

Jamie Murphy - 5th teacher and students wrote letters to HMH and sent them to the VP of Services Senior Product Director notifying them of the lack of Native Americans representation and their contributions. HMH responded back with a promise to revise the curriculum so that it would be ready for the next class. This shows a great representation of when students use their voices: "Knowledge is Power".

Public comments: None at this time.

Consent Items:

- Minutes of the March meeting, financials, Wellness policy, calendar, and healthy food option were distributed via email.
- Motion to move Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda—Don Thompson; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jeanine Pocoski. Approved

Barbara included with the agenda two Motions that must be moved and voted on at today's meeting:

1. Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

Motion made by Don Thompson; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jeanine Pocoski. Approved

2. Motion language for combined food and beverage exemptions: The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held.

Motion made by Don Thompson; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jeanine Pocoski. Approved

#### Legislative Update:

- Ruben Felipe, CT Charter School President introduced himself.
- The Governor's proposed per pupil increase has moved to appropriations and looks promising/solid.
- Continue reaching out to local senators, state representatives for support.

#### Esser Grants:

Nancy explained the various types of Esser Grants received from the State of CT due to pandemic.

Classes/classrooms were outfitted with necessary supplies, which also helped accommodate students/staff with remote learning/teaching.

Helped sustain new staff into the new academic year.

#### Director's Report:

- Summer school will take place during the month of July in-person/remote. Busing will be provided.

6:35pm Meeting moved to Executive Session for staff discussion

6:46pm Exit Executive Session and resumed Director's Report

- PCLB interview and accepted BCCS into a cohort group which, focus on helping schools recover from this past year.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Graduation will take place June 16<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, Fulton Park.
- Covid Update

#### Other business:

- Thanks for support with Legislative outreach.
- Reach out to Laura from CT Charter School Association for testimony template.
- Endorsed proposal for teachers' one time appreciation package of their hard work and dedication during the pandemic.
- Give Local reached and went over the goal set. Still time to contribute directly to BCCS
- Possible Board meeting in-person for June?

- Motion to move the June 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting to June 30<sup>th</sup>, potentially in-person.

Motion to approve board meeting date to June 30<sup>th</sup>: Jeanine Pocoski; 2<sup>nd</sup>- Courtney Bauknecht.  
Approved

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

Motion to approve: Don Thompson; 2<sup>nd</sup>- Christina Cruz. Approved

Next meeting Wednesday, June 30, 2021, 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted by: Ana Rosa