

Minutes – for BCCS Directors Meeting on November 14, 2018

Meeting called to order at 5:31pm.

In attendance:

Board: Andy Sternlieb, Don Thompson, Charles Heaven, Marianne Silva, Annie Scott, Christina Cruz-Ireland, Joe Bizzozero, Cathy Smith, Michelle Baker, Jeanine Pocoski

Absent: Courtney Bauknecht

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

Consent Items

- Motion to accept minutes of October 2018 meeting; addendum to correct previous scheduled date of today's meeting – Charles Heaven; 2nd Marianne Silva. Approved unanimously
- Welcome new board member – Michelle Baker, Asst. Superintendent Waterbury Public Schools

Financials were presented by Charlie Heaven. Reviewed September financials and Nov. 1 cash position – high net position in cash. Budget on track.

- Applied for Leavenworth grant for playground equipment – pending 20k
- Payroll up approx. 50k due to classroom additions
- Motion to adopt Chefa tax policy and procedure manual in full – Don Thompson; 2nd Annie Scott. Approved unanimously.
- Reviewed annual filing obligations, audits for Dec./Jan., cash on hand ratios

Motion to go into Executive Session –Annie Scott; 2nd Don Thompson. Approved unanimously

- Board went into Executive Session at 5:42.
 - Andy updated board on construction completion schedule /costs and updates. Also discussed future potential facilities projects
 - Motion to leave Executive Session – Don Thompson; 2nd Annie Scott. Approved unanimously Board returned to regular order of business at 6:00.
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- Discussed search for potential new board members, meeting with legislative delegation
 - Board retreat in the spring – for training and developing new strategic plan
 - Discussed grand opening; will identify date at next Board meeting, 12/19

Director's Report – Updated Board on corrective action plans, as overseen by "Turnaround Office" – goal to increase scores by 2%. Will be at BCCS in Feb. for site visit, April meeting with accountability office – standard follow-up from charter renewal.

- McDonald's ribbon cutting ceremony 11/21 at 10am. BCCS received \$1000 donation, Board members encouraged to attend if able.

Laura Calligan discussed efforts in increasing visibility of BCCS → engage in community and identify potential collaborations (ie. Mattatuck Museum, Chamber of Commerce).

- NECSN updates – BCCS to be highlighted in video educating legislatures on charters

Katie Parente and Lily Zhao updated Board on first round of DRA/IReady testing.

- IReady – students below level meeting with interventionist, each cycle 10wks and then retested; Deans checking in with teacher every 5wks. 20-30% 2+ below,
- DRA – based on 2017-18 scores, students placed in guided reading groups aligned with level/focus of instruction, reassessed over past month. Each teacher is now qualified as a guided reading teacher.

In response to inquiry on using BCCS space for community event; Board discussed public use of space for events not hosted by school.

Motion to approve only sponsored events with outside organization which is hosted by BCCS; no outside groups or public use of space - Jeanine Pocoski; 2nd Cathy Smith. Approved unanimously

Motion to adjourn – Annie Scott; 2nd Don Thompson. Meeting adjourned at 6:52.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday December 19, 2018 @ 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted by: Marianne Silva, Secretar