

Minutes – For BCCS Board of Directors Meeting, April 19, 2023, held virtually via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm by Annie Scott

In Attendance:

Board: Anthony Gay, Ana Rosa, Lauren Stumpf, Dr. Joe Johnson, Jeanine Pocoski, Annie Scott, Maria Vega

Staff: Nancy Landona, Barbara Ruggiero, Lily Zhao

Guest: Laura Callachan (CTCSA), Carrie Skaggs (BCCS Literacy)

Absent: Olivia DeGennaro, Jonathan Gotterer, Don Thompson

Public comments: None at this time.

Consent items:

Minutes from March 15, 2023, meeting were distributed via email.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes – Ana Rosa ; 2nd – Anthony Gay.

Motion carries with 7 votes in Favor, 0 votes Against, 0 votes Abstain.

Nancy reviewed the financials from February 2023.

Not much has change for February financials. March is a tough month.

Still waiting on payment from Waterbury Board of Ed for SPED services.

Nancy will review qualifications guidelines for Employee retention credit.

Motion to approve the February 2023 financials – Jeanine Pocoski ; 2nd – Lauren Stumpf.

Motion carries with 7 votes in Favor, 0 votes Against, 0 votes Abstain.

Governance:

7 nominees for Board Members. They all have been reached and waiting on their responses.

Old Business:

The lottery took place with 400 applications submitted. 36 students were accepted for PreK and 3 for the 8th Grade.

Parent Night will take place on May 10th for new families.

Director's Report:

Give Local runs April 25-26, 2023. Biggest fundraiser event of the year. Share info with family and friends.

10-year Anniversary BCCS celebration will be held May 17, 2023.

Graduation will be held June 14, 2023. This will be BCCS 3rd graduating class of 8th graders.

Roof-Building A:

1 quote was submitted; the 2nd contractor has not responded.
Will try to obtain another quote before the next Board meeting.

Carrie Skaggs-Literacy Program Updates:

Integrating new strategies/skills to help students decode unknown words.
Transitioning small student groups using the Science of Reading curriculum mandated by the State of CT.

107 students from grades K-5th have committed to attending the BCCS summer school program. The program will take place from July 5-July 28.
June 27-30 - Teacher training is provided and open to other teachers including K-3.

Laura Callachan, CTCSA:

The appropriations committee met and finalized their budget. Charter 5003 Bill (Education Funding bill) is not near the funding needed. Will keep pushing for equal funding.
Lots of advocacy events and lobbying are happening within the next month or so.
Acknowledge State Rep. Gerardo Reyes great supporter of Charter schools.
CTCSA will be hosting a Board members' retreat planned for June or summer of 2024.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Ana Rosa; 2nd – Jeanine Pocoski.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 5:30 pm.
Respectfully submitted by: Ana Rosa