

A Members Present

Henry A. Lambert, Chair
Mark David
Diana Lee
Feona Huezo

Others Present

Pamptata Sanders
Robert Morales
Joanne Hunt
Ariel Arnold

The meeting was held via a ZOOM conference call on May 25, 2021.

Topic: BCS Board of Trustees Meeting

Time: May 25, 2021 6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm. The minutes for the meeting held on April 27, 2021 were approved with a motion from Feona, seconded by Mark. All voting members (4) were in favor.

COVID Updates:

There have been no new reported COVID cases in the building since 3/2/21.

School Hybrid/Remote Updates:

- Current students opting for Full Remote Learning: 116 (137)
- Students Opting for In-Person: 91 (70)
- Total Devices loaned to date: 180 (176)
- April 2021 attendance was 82%:
- Next opt-in date: At this point of the school year, parents can opt-in by request at any time. If we have the space, we will allow any family to participate as long as they agree

to the COVID testing mandates required by the school via DOH.

- BCS plans to open fully in-person for the 2021-22 school year.

Education Updates

- NYS Testing Updates
 - NYS Math Test (May 4-5): Total tested 46/121(38%)
 - 3rd grade: 11/34 = 32%
 - 4th grade: 21/40 = 52.5%
 - 5th grade: 14/47 = 30%
 - Day 1 was administered to all in-person students in grades 3-5 and the remote students who opted in. Day 2 although optional was administered the following day. Any in-person students who came in without an opt-out note were required to take the assessment.
- BCS Virtual Tutoring Program:
 - New program cycle began the week of April 12th.
 - Total BCS tutors: 6 (We had 4 in the previous cycle)
 - Total students being serviced this cycle: 23 (21)
- BCS Virtual Summer Enrichment Program
 - Offered to all grades, K-5
 - Will begin Monday, July 13th and will end Friday, August 13th
 - Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
 - The program will address reading, math, phonics, Social & Emotional Learning (SEL) and specials (physical education, dance, technology, etc.)
 - The idea is to implement a robust virtual program that mimics the NYCDOE Summer Rising program.
- Addressing Learning Loss in the 2021-22 School Year
 - Fully open to in-person learning in September 2021
 - Virtual Summer Enrichment Program
 - Continuing the Tutoring Assistance Program (In-person and Virtual)
 - After School Remediation Program (if the building is open after-hours)
 - Response to Intervention (RTI) small groups during the school day to address specific areas of remediation in reading and math
 - Hiring more faculty to address learning loss within the classroom (Literacy Specialists, Special Education Teachers, Assistant teachers)
 - BCS Board Members had questions about the following:
 - How does BCS address the needs of our homeless families? BCS has about 15 families who are deemed “homeless” based on current criteria. BCS has supported our families through the pandemic by providing the following based on funds put aside from Title money:
 - Providing hot spots to families who do not have internet service
 - Providing uniforms for students
 - Providing school supplies

- Providing groceries as necessary
 - Providing transportation (MetroCards) as necessary in order for parents/guardians to bring their children to and from school
 - Providing gifts during the holidays (this money comes directly from staff donations)
- Parent Workshop Updates:
 - Grade 5: 5/20/21: 13 parents attended (7 attended at the previous meeting)
 - Grade 4 is this Wednesday, 5/26/21. The previous workshop hosted 7 parents
 - Grade 1 is 6/1/21. The previous workshop hosted 4 parents
 - BCS will continue the parent workshops in the 2021-22 school year and is confident that more parents will participate due to the Zoom platform and raffle incentives.
- Senior Updates
 - The 5th grade banquet is ON! BCS will follow all DOH and health mandates as required by the establishment as well.
 - Date: 6/10/21
 - Time: 6:00-9:30 p.m.
 - Place: Glen Terrace Catering Hall, Brooklyn, New York
 - The Board would like an update of Middle School Acceptances at the June 2021 board meeting as this information is not available to date.

Staffing Updates

- 2020-21 staffing updates: None

Financial Report: Ms. Ariel

- Budget vs. actuals ending period 4/30/21
 - There is a \$778,000 cash surplus through April 2021. There is currently 2.1 million in the BCS investment account. The school has 703K cash in the bank. Ariel is projecting a surplus of approximately \$338K in June 2021 based on accruals for payroll, taxes and monthly spending. Specific contributors to the surplus is the increase in SPED students in the >60 category, a savings of approximately 15K for textbooks due to FAMIS money received, and a savings of approximately 10K for special events due to COVID. Ariel did stress that this is not a finite number and that the surplus could go up or down depending on our spending from now until June 2021.
 - BCS board members are expected to participate in Financial Literacy Webinars/Workshops as required by our Authorizer based on the fiscal concerns from our last renewal. Ms. Ariel will continue to look for workshops/webinars that board members can take part in order to continue to achieve this mandate.
 - Henry requested a meeting with Chase to review the investment strategies to ensure that we are minimalizing risk while maximizing our investments (Finance Committee)
 - ESSER and APR funding was discussed: 285, 026 and 640, 127 for a total of

\$925,153 to be spent through 2023.

- The Board requested a strategic plan to address learning loss for the next board meeting in June 2021.

Enrollment Update

- a. Target for 2020-21: 204 enrolled students
- b. Actual ATS
 - i. Grade K: **27**
 - ii. Grade 1: **33**
 - iii. Grade 2: **25**
 - iv. Grade 3: **35**
 - v. Grade 4: **40**
 - vi. Grade 5: **47**
 - vii. Current Actual ATS enrollment/Budget: **207**
- c. We lost 3 students...
 - i. 2nd grader moved to another state and a 3rd grader was enrolled from Hawaii (relative of a current student in K & 5)

Enrollment

- BCS received a total of 83 Kindergarten applications for the 2021-22 school year. New applicants have been contacted and we are awaiting acceptances.
 - 16 students have been confirmed at this time for Kindergarten
 - 2020: 65 applications (0 confirmed at this time due to the pandemic)
 - 2019: 80 applications (10 confirmed at this time)

Additional Board items

- Henry requested a meeting with our insurance carriers to review current policies (Tina Payne). Mr. Morales will work on getting this meeting scheduled.

The next BCS Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom Conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm. With a motion from Feona, seconded by Diana. All voting members (4) were in favor.