

Members Present

Henry A. Lambert, Chair
Diana Lee
Feona Huevo
Mark David
Tony Betaudier

Others Present

Pam Sanders
Ariel Arnold
Robert Morales
Joanne Hunt

The meeting was held via a ZOOM conference call on September 22, 2020.

Topic: BCS Board of Trustees Meeting

Time: September 22, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm. The minutes for the meeting held on August 31st, 2020 were approved with a motion from Diana, seconded by Feona. All voting members (5) were in favor with a noted correction of a date that needed to be corrected regarding ventilation as noted by Feona.

Reopening Plans for the 2020-21 School Year

BCS Re-Opening Plan Updates:

- Remote Start Date: Monday: 9/14/20
- In-Person Start Date: Tuesday: 9/29/20
 - Discussion regarding co-located spaces and decisions to open: There was a concern raised as to why we waited until 9/29/20 to open as Charter Schools had the ability to open the week before on 9/14/20 which was given to charter school with two days' notice. The reason for that decision was that when the

Chancellor and the Mayor delayed the opening another week, the school had already notified families of the date change to 9/29/20 as many BCS families were calling to verify this information. Also, the school bus company was not prepared to service students at the time that we inquired before making a final decision to delay our in-person date. BCS administration assured the school board that unless the Mayor shuts down all public schools due to a spike in COVID cases that BCS would be opening our doors on 9/29/20.

- Students opting for Full Remote Learning: 131
- Students Opting for In-Person: 81
- Tentative Date to Switch back to in-person model: 11/30/20
 - Tentative deadline to notify the school: 11/15/20

BCS Instructional Model based on these numbers:

- Monday-Thursday (Full day of school for in-person learners/remote learners.) Daily Schedule is 8:30-3:00 p.m.)
- Friday is a remote learning day for all (9:00-3:00 p.m.)
- The break down for instruction in each grade is as follows:
 - Kindergarten- 1 remote room and 1 live instruction room (14 in-person students)
 - 1st Grade- 1 remote room and 1 live instruction room (9 in-person students)
 - 2nd grade- 1 live streaming room which serves remote and in-person students (11 students)
 - 3rd grade- 1 remote room and 1 live instruction room (8 students)
 - 4th grade- 2 live streaming rooms which serve remote and in-person students (16 students split into 2 classes)
 - 5th grade- 2 live streaming rooms which serve remote and in-person students (13 students split into two classes)

DOE Services

- Yellow School Bus Service- Will begin 9/29/20
 - Current in-person students coming to school via school bus: 27 students
 - Schedule has not shifted so we will be getting students at 7:30 a.m. and they will be leaving at 3:30 p.m.
 - Bus matrons had a COVID training with the Director of Operations regarding cleaning, sanitizing, social distancing, etc. on 9/17/20 for daily bus operations in COVID. Each matron received a kit including daily health assessment forms, masks, hand sanitizer, sanitizer wipes and disinfectant spray as well as contactless thermometers.
 - Food Services- Breakfast will be grab & go in the morning, lunch will be delivered to classrooms daily.
 - Money for Groceries: P-EBT (P for Pandemic- a new benefit that gives every NYC public school family \$420 per child) Regardless of immigration status, income or employment, NYC families will receive this money for the 2019-20 school year. Families who are currently receiving food stamps had the funds automatically added to their EBT Debit cards. All other families received a debit card in the

- mail with the funds.
- Technology Update:
 - Devices loaned: 94
 - Waiting List: 26
 - Still waiting for an order placed in April for 105 Chromebooks scheduled to arrive in October?
 - 56 more devices ordered (\$14907)
- Mark asked a question regarding what trends were we observing regarding students attending in-person instruction and we have observed that the majority of students who attend daily are from the neighborhood versus bus students who come from outside the direct neighborhood.

Meeting with DOE Authorizer was Tuesday, September 1st at 11:00 a.m. regarding Reopening plan:

- Overall Reopening plan was thorough and well thought out.
 - Items that needed to be included or more specific for revision:
 - Monitoring: Daily Health Assessment along with temperature checks
 - Testing Responsibility (List of resources for families)
 - Early Warning Signs: Use the DOE policy
 - Containment: how will a parent/guardian pick-up a symptomatic student, exposed infected student (what will happen) and whole building protocol as it relates to COVID cases identified in the school.
 - There was a question regarding mandatory COVID testing for faculty and at this time, we are not required to ask staff to take a COVID test or for COVID test results if they took one.
 - Diana asked about utilizing outdoor space for instruction due to the concerns of students sitting in one room and not getting any fresh air for the day. Mrs. Sanders assured the board that students will have an opportunity to get fresh air with specialists daily (weather permitting as well as following social distancing guidelines).

Staffing Updates

- 2020-21 staffing updates: All faculty is in attendance and working in-person. No staff has asked for accommodations at this time.

Financial Report: Ms. Ariel

- Budget vs. actuals ending period 8/31/20
 - In the event of a significant surplus, Henry requested that a footnote be added to financial reports explaining why the school is in a current surplus moving forward.
 - State Aid for 2019-20 was approved for public schools based on enrollment as of 2/1/20. BCS will receive \$192.45 per student for a potential total of \$42146.55.

Enrollment Update

- a. Target for 2020-21: 215 enrolled students
- b. Actual ATS
 - i. Grade K: **27**
 - ii. Grade 1: **35**
 - iii. Grade 2: **24**
 - iv. Grade 3: **37**
 - v. Grade 4: **40**
 - vi. Grade 5: **49**
 - vii. Current Actual ATS enrollment/Budget: **212/215**

The next BCS Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm. With a motion from Feona, seconded by Mark. All voting members (5) were in favor.