**Board Members Present**

Henry A. Lambert, Chair

Diana Lee

Anthony Betaudier

Mark David

**Others Present**

Robert Morales

Ariel Arnold

Joanne Hunt

The meeting was held in a public space at the school (Room 304) as well as via a ZOOM conference call on **August 23, 2022**.

Topic: BCS Board of Trustees Meeting  
Time: August 23, 2022 6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Place: ZOOM and 545 Willoughby Avenue, Room 304  
  
Join Zoom Meeting  
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The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm. The minutes for the meeting held on August 23, 2022 were approved with a motion from Tony, seconded by Diana. All voting members (4) were in favor.

**School Programing**

1. **2022-23 School Year**
   1. **Administration returns:** Tuesday, August 23, 2022
   2. **Instructional/Support Staff returns:** Monday, August 29, 2022
   3. **Students begin:** Wednesday,September 7, 2022
2. **Summer Boost NYC: Lavinia Group RISE Updates:**
   1. Final reporting for the Lavinia Group RISE summer program is due 9/2/22.
   2. BCS met attendance mandates to receive the full funding for the summer program.
   3. Remaining funds to be recouped for the program: $67,200
   4. Funds will be released by 9/30/22
3. **School Safety for 2022-23 School Year**
   1. Protocols that have been eliminated for the new school year:
      1. Masks are optional in school
      2. Daily health screenings are no longer required
      3. Weekly random testing will no longer be offered
      4. At-home test kits will be provided to all schools from NYS
      5. Vaccination for faculty is mandated
      6. Vaccination for students is not mandated
      7. Guidelines for COVID have changed:
         1. No longer required to quarantine if exposed
         2. If positive with symptoms, must quarantine for 5 days and then may return
         3. If positive and asymptomatic, no need to quarantine
4. **Financial Report: Ms. Ariel**
   1. Financial report: There is 1.1 million in investment accounts and 554K in our cash operating account.
   2. 2021-22 Audit Updates: We are in the beginning stages of our end-of-year audit. It should take 2-3 weeks to finalize any findings.
   3. 2022-23 Budget Updates
      1. The tentative per pupil amount for the 2022-23 school year is $17,626.
      2. The 2022-23 BCS school budget will be presented at the September 2022 board meeting.
5. **Enrollment Updates/Recruitment Updates:** Ms. Hunt
   1. Kindergarten Recruitment Updates:
      1. Total accepting a seat into the school via lottery at this time: 34 new admits+ 3 holdovers based on age: **37**
   2. Admits in other grades: **14**
   3. Projected enrollment for 2022-23:
      1. K- 35
      2. 1- 20
      3. 2- 35
      4. 3- 38
      5. 4- 38
      6. 5- 38
      7. Total: 204
   4. A question by a board member was raised regarding enrollment: Are other charter schools in the same position as us regarding enrollment. Independent charter schools and public schools in oversaturated neighborhoods are experiencing enrollment challenges. These challenges are due to the number of families moving out of NYC coupled with the overwhelming amount of choice available in these respective neighborhoods.
6. **Staffing Considerations for 2022-23:**
   1. Staffing Needs:
      1. Kindergarten Teacher
      2. Special Education Teachers (2)
      3. 5th Grade Math Teacher
7. **Additional Board Items/Questions:**
   1. What has been the academic damage to students due to COVID? How far behind are they? The majority of our students have either fallen a year to 2 years behind due to COVID. For our 5th graders, the 2021-22 school year was the first year that they experienced a standardized assessment in ELA and Math. Lack of attendance due to COVID had a major impact on student learning in 2021-22.
   2. Have there been any complaints regarding our curriculum and is it culturally responsive? There have been no complaints regarding the school’s current curriculum. The Humanities curriculum that we currently utilize is culturally responsive and the reading material introduces various cultures throughout the different modules introduced during the school year.
   3. Do we have any students who have gender accommodating requests? Currently we have one student who has requested to utilize a gender neutral bathroom. A gender neutral bathroom has been identified for use in the nurse’s office. This is a single occupant bathroom.
8. **Public Comment: None**
9. **Date & Location of next meeting:** 545 Willoughby Avenue, Room: 304 and Zoom until April 15, 2022 (Open Meetings Law must now return back to in-person with Zoom as an extra option)
   1. Upcoming Board Meeting Date(s): September 19, 2022
10. **Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mark and seconded by Diana. All voting members (4) were in favor. The meeting was officially adjourned at 6:29 p.m.