

Board Members Present

Henry A. Lambert, Chair
Diana Lee
Feona Chance-Huezo
Natalia Sealey

Others Present

Joanne Hunt
Ariel Arnold
Anna Toma
Nora Balla
Angel Perez

Topic: BCS Board of Trustees Meeting
Time: March 31, 2025 6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Place: 545 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11206, Room 322

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Natalia Sealey was introduced as the parent representative as she is currently serving as a Co-President on the BCS Parent Teacher Association.

Board Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2025 meeting was made by Diana and seconded by Feona. All voting members were in favor (4) with (0) opposed.

Renewal Updates: The BCS NYCDOE Renewal Debriefing was held via Zoom on March 25, 2025. At this debriefing the Authorizing Team shared its recommendation based on the 3 questions proposed in the renewal application (Is the school an Academic Success, Is it Effective & Well-Run, Is the school Financially Viable?). While the school did receive a recommendation to remain open for another renewal term, due to the confidentiality of the information, was not recorded and has not been made public. BCS will be presented at the SUNY Board of Regents meeting in May 2025 where the final approved recommendation will be determined. Four of five board members were present on the renewal debriefing call on 3/25/25.

Board Questions/Comments: None

Academic Updates

Test Prep- NYS Practice Exams

- **ELA-Toma**
 - Test prep occurs 4 times per week with strategic groupings that shift based on data collected bi-weekly.
- **Math-Balla**
 - Test prep occurs 3 times per week with strategic groupings based on data from practice exams 1 and 2.
- **Science**
 - 5th graders will be taking the NYS Science Test on 5/14/25.
 - While conducting test prep with the current 5th grade, we noticed a deficiency in

with some of their 3rd grade science knowledge more specifically with reading graphs, charts, data tables pertaining to this content. Ms. Hunt will begin to pull groups upon our return from spring break to assist with bridging this gap.

Multi-Tier Systems of Support (MTSS)

- MTSS Cycle #4 will begin the week of 4/7/25. We will be conducting this cycle a little differently this time. Instead of conducting all of the meetings in one week, we will have all of the K-2 MTSS meetings during the week of 4/7/25 and the 3-5 meetings will be conducted the week of 4/21/25. The upper grades are working diligently within their test prep sessions and we want teachers to focus on preparing the students for their assessments at this time.

2025 Summer Boost Application/Program

- BCS applied for the 2025 Summer Boost Program which was due 3/14/25.
- BCS should have an answer by mid-April as to whether we have received funding for the program.

Board Questions/Comments: None

Organizational Updates

- Organizational Updates:
 - Attendance Improvement Plan Updates
 - 2025: % of students with 90% attendance through 2/28/25: 91% (181/197)
 - 2024: % of students with 90% attendance through 2/28/25: 79.3% (154/194)

Board Questions/Comments: The board expressed its satisfaction for the improvement with the school's attendance program and how it has really assisted in the improvement of overall student attendance this current school year.

Enrollment January 2024 Update

- Grade K: 37 (2 sections) 36
- Grade 1: 40 (2 sections) 40
- Grade 2: 32 (2 sections) 33
- Grade 3: 27 (1 section) 27
- Grade 4: 27 (1 section) 28
- Grade 5: 34 (2 sections) 40
 - **Total Students: 197 (196)**
 - **Current New Admits: 75 (74)**
 - One new admit in March 2025 (A new 2nd grader)
 - **Total New Admits:** August 2024: 59, September 2024: 65, October: 73, November: 74, December: 75, January: 0, February: 1, March: 1
 - **Temporary Housing Update:** 36 students (18% of our student population)
 - **Summit Afterschool Program**
 - 94 students registered (83-84 average daily attendance)

Recruitment- Mr. Angel

- Currently we have 108 applications in our current BCS School Lottery System for the 2025-26 school year.
- We have 59 Kindergarten applications at this time.
- Mr. Angel is in the process of scheduling a visit to BCS which will include a tour with one of our partner daycares in May 2025 with parents and staff.
- Mr. Angel spoke about our new student and the relationship that he was formed with the shelter in which this student is coming from. This shelter is one of the establishments that BCS is considering providing a pick-up and drop-off service for the 2025-26 school year.
- The BCS Lottery will be held on April 3, 2025.

Board Questions/Comments: Henry asked how many applications did the school have at the same time last year. Angel replied that we had 89 applications at the same time last year and 49 of those applications were for a kindergarten seat.

Financial Report (January 2025)

Through February 2025, the school has recognized \$2,898,877.25 in per pupil revenues. We are projecting to recognize \$4,285,488.20 in per pupil revenue by year end. We have incurred \$2,678,710.29 in expenses through February 2025. The final per pupil invoice was submitted last week at 198FTE in GENED and 24.308 in the SPED over 60%. Through February we currently have a surplus of \$546,377 and \$16,562 for the month of February. By year end we are projecting a surplus of \$29,095. As of today, we currently have \$1,596,274.72 in our cash and investment accounts.

Board Questions/Comments: None

Personnel Updates: None

Board Comments/Concerns: None

Other School Business:

- Parent Representation on the Board- Now that BCS has an established Executive PTA Board, Natalia Sealey, PTA Co-President will hold a seat on the BCS School Board for the remainder of the school year beginning in March 2025.

Public Comment: None

Date & Location of next meeting: April 22, 2025 at 545 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11206.

Adjournment: Adjournment. The meeting was officially adjourned at 6:35 p.m. with a motion from Diana, seconded by Feona. All voting members were in favor (4) with (0) opposed.