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Reunión de la Junta
6 de junio de 2019
801 East 156th Street, Bronx, NY 10455

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II. Comentarios Públicos

III. Resolución para Aprobar las Minutas de la Reunión de la Junta del 2 de mayo de 2019

IV. Resolución para Aprobar el Presupuesto 2019-2020

V. Resolución para Asignar $25K a la Cuenta del Fondo de Disolución

VI. Resolución para Reelegir a Serigne Gninuge y Jodi Schneider a la Junta

VII. Resolución para Aprobar el Calendario Escolar para el año 2019-2020

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    D. Asistencia
    E. Servicios de Apoyo a los Estudiantes
    F. Eventos

XII. Potenciales Candidatos para la Junta

XIII. Asuntos Nuevos

XIV. Próxima Reunión - 11 de julio de 2019

XV. Sesión Ejecutiva

XVI. Cierre de Sesión
Call to Order
Davon Russell called the meeting to order at 5:28 pm.

Public Comment
No members of the public asked to participate in public comment.

Approval of Minutes
Andrea Cohen made a motion to approve the May 2nd, 2019 Board meeting minutes, as presented on June 6th, 2019. Jodi Schneider seconded and the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

Resolution to Adopt the Proposed 2019 – 2020 Budget
Mr. Russell said that the Finance Committee had reviewed the draft budget, with the guidance of Digant Bahl of Accounting Solutions of New York, Inc. He said that the budget, which is based on an enrollment of 326 students, projects $8.76 million in revenue and $8.58 million in expenses for a net surplus of $178k. He said that some expenses are still under consideration, which may result in an increased projected surplus, up to $250k. He added that the school is projecting a $293k surplus for the current fiscal year, which ends on June 30, 2019.

Andrea Cohen made a motion to adopt the budget as presented on June 6, 2019. Lori Chemla seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to adopt the 2019 – 2020 budget.
**Resolution to Allocate $25k into a Dissolution Fund Account**

Mr. Russell reported that the school’s accountant, Digant Bahl, has notified the Board of a change in the Dissolution Funds requirement. In the past, schools were required to set a total of $75k into a restricted account to cover costs associated with dissolution. To comply with that requirement, SBECAs had set aside $25k per year for its first three years of operation. Mr. Russell reported that the required threshold has been increased to $100,000. As a result, an additional $25k needs to be allocated for dissolution purposes.

Jodi Schneider made a motion to allocate $25k into the school’s restricted Dissolution Fund Account. Andrea Cohen seconded, and the Board unanimously adopted a resolution to allocate the funds accordingly.

**Resolutions to Re-elect Serigne Gningue and Jodi Schneider to the Board of Trustees**

Mr. Russell said that Mr. Gningue and Ms. Schneider are eligible for re-election for new three-year terms, beginning July 1, 2019, upon completion of their current three year term, which ran from July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019. He said that Mr. Gningue and Ms. Schneider have both indicated that they are willing to continue their Board service if re-elected.

Andrea Cohen made a motion to re-elect Serigne Gningue to the Board of Trustees for a term of three-years, from July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022. Lori Chemla seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to re-elect Mr. Gningue. Mr. Gningue recused himself from the vote.

Andrea Cohen made a motion to re-elect Jodi Schneider to the Board of Trustees for a term of three-years, from July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022. Valerie Capers seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to re-elect Ms. Schneider. Ms. Schneider recused herself from the vote.

Mr. Russell added that Mr. Gningue and Ms. Schneider’s willingness to recommit to the Board is especially important, given that SBECAs is approaching the charter renewal period. He thanked them for their continued service, which contributes to Board stability at a pivotal moment in the school’s history.

**Resolution to Adopt the School Calendar for the 2019 – 2020 School Year**

Mr. Blough presented a school calendar for Board approval for the 2019 – 2020 academic year. The calendar includes 190 days, which is consistent with the Extended School Year model outlined in the school’s charter. He noted that State exams are earlier in the spring in the 19 – 20 school year than they were in the 18 – 19 school year. The exams will be administered in March and April, rather than in April and May, respectively.

Jodi Schneider made a motion to adopt the 2019 – 2020 Academic Calendar as presented at the June 6th, 2019 meeting. Andrea Cohen seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to adopt the calendar.

**Annual Conflict of Interest Forms**

Mr. Russell said that the Board packets include a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form, which should be completed by all Trustees and submitted to NYSED annually. He asked that all forms be completed and submitted to Meredith Leverich.
Faculty & Staff Survey
Mr. Russell reminded staff that an anonymous survey regarding Principal Brian Blough’s leadership had been administered by Mr. Bahl on the Board’s behalf. He asked that all faculty and staff participate in the survey to provide their unique insights to the Board.

Scheduling Committee Meetings
Mr. Russell said that the Personnel Committee would need to convene before the end of June to complete Mr. Blough’s annual performance evaluation. He said that Meredith Leverich would circulate possible dates.

Principal’s Report
Mr. Blough presented on the following topics, detailed in the document attached.
- Facilities Update
- Academic Programming Update
- Operations & Enrollment for the 2019 – 2020 School Year
- Attendance
- Student Support Services Update
- Upcoming Events

Potential Board Candidates
Mr. Blough shared the résumé of Jonathan Johnson, who previously supported the school as a blended learning coach through Educate, LLC. He said that Mr. Johnson has moved to a position at CUNY, but expressed interest in continuing to support the school, possibly as a Trustee. Mr. Blough said that Mr. Johnson’s expertise would be valuable to the Board and the school community.

Mr. Blough said that he would soon circulate a CV from Dr. Sabrina Hope-King, a former professor of his from Fordham, who he believes would also be an asset to the Board.

The Board said that they would review the résumés of these candidates and schedule times for them to meet current Trustees, as part of the vetting process.

New Business
There was no new business.

Next Meeting – July 11th, 2019
Mr. Russell said that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, July 11th, 2019, since the first Thursday of the month falls on the July 4th holiday.

Adjournment
The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.
Highlights May 2019
We started our pilot program for mindfulness with 2 of our 6th Grade cohorts. The program has been very well received.

In May we hosted students from Bed Stuy New Beginnings Charter School (BSNBCS). They toured, discussed their Student Government, and invited us to their health fair.

On May 29th, we returned the visit and attended the Health Fair at BSNBCS. Our student ambassadors toured the school, held rich discussions with their students and came back with some great ideas.
The State Math Assessment was in May. The students reported they were ready and facilitation went smoothly.

Teacher Appreciation Week was during May. We celebrated our amazing teachers!

Picture days! We had our student picture days in May. We will have our school yearbooks completed in June.
The roof deck is completed! We held a grand opening for the 8th Grade and the students have been enjoying the space. There are soccer goals and basketball hoops installed. We’ve added a healthy snack vending machine in the lobby. This was funded by a healthy school initiatives grant.
Academic Programming
Summer Credit Recovery Program:
- Students (6-8), who failed 1 class for the year, <65% per core subject average
- Per grade estimates: 6th - 20, 7th - 25, 8th - 15

Summer Academy:
The program is fully planned and families that are enrolled to be new students at SBECa have been formally invited.

Saturday Regents Prep and Intervention:
- Intervention attendance 6/1/19:
  - 6th-15
  - 7th-16

Regents Prep attendance 6/1/19:
- 8th-86

Total overall: 115
Academic Updates
End of Year Assessments

- Students will be taking the End of Year I-Ready assessments for grades 6 and 7. The assessments will take place during the 8th grade regents courses to ensure a quiet focused building. These will take place on June 18th and 19th.

- 6th and 7th grade students will be taking Interim 4 for ELA and Math. This will cover all remaining End of Year Standards covered in Quarter 4. These assessments are 6/12 for ELA and 6/19 for Math.

- 8th grade completed the State Science test May 29-31st for the lab portion and June 3rd for the written assessment. The 8th grade has the Algebra Regents June 19th and the US History Regents June 18th.
Summer Academy Updates

1. In preparation for Summer Academy, teachers were provided with a list of upcoming standards and topics to cover during their respective Summer Academy sessions (i.e. Credit Recovery and Orientation). *Standards were selected based upon their impact on students’ performance as well as their frequency on prior exams. Recovery students will be taking formative assessments at the end of each week (on Thursdays) culminating in a Final Exam on the last day of Summer Academy. All assessments will be based upon the sequence of assessed standards with which teachers were provided.

2. Staffing and scheduling have been set in place for each week of Summer Academy.

3. Field trips were planned for each Thursday of Summer Academy (Incoming students only).

4. Orientation was planned for the explicit purpose of helping incoming scholars successfully transition into their Middle School experience.

5. A group of teachers took a field trip to our local library in order to gather information about their programs and services, establish a relationship with the local librarian, and retrieve forms for students to complete so they all have their own personal library card.
6th and 7th Grade Math

6th Grade Math has been working on post state exam standards including probability and statistics. The picture to the right shows students working on project based learning activities for learning probability.

7th Grade Math has been getting an introduction to Algebra. They have been working on linear functions and systems of linear equations. This will ensure that next year, these scholars will hit the ground running when entering 8th grade Algebra.
On May 1, all of 8th grade took the January 2019 Algebra Regents Examination. 51.5% of students passed the exam (reached proficiency). Considering that the real Regents examination is June 19, we were able to predict, based on this exam’s data, that 72% of scholars will pass in June. Considering that 7% of 8th grade scholars were proficient last year, this is a substantial increase.
Operations and Enrollment Update
2019-2020 Enrollment Target

- Accepted Students for 6th grade: 99 students
- Goal for new 6th grade: 104
- Registered Students for 6th grade: 84 students
- Upcoming Registration Appointments Scheduled: 15 appointments
- Families Contacted from Waitlist Awaiting Response for Acceptance: 17 students
Attendance
Our 90%+ data is 78.4% as of 5/21/19. The District is 69% and the city is 81%
Overall attendance rate for SBECa (5/1/19) is at 92.5%, the city average last year was 94%, and the district is 91%.
Student Support Services Update
Student Support Services

- Working through end of year IEP meetings, annuals and initials (projecting 29-31% IEP population for 2019-2020)
- Meeting with families of incoming students to prepare programming
- Setting up programming for next year
- Completed and Scored ELL assessments
Upcoming...

- Prom for our 8th Grade Students, 6/14
- Graduation at Hostos, 6/20
- Regents Assessments for US History, 6/18 and Algebra 1, 6/19
- Field Days per grade at Rainey Park
- Weill Cornell Assembly, 6/11