Board of Trustees Meeting  
July 11th, 2019  
801 East 156th Street, Bronx, NY 10455  

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Public Comment

III. Resolution to Approve Minutes from June 6th, 2019 Board Meetings

IV. NYSED Renewal Site Visit—October 7th & 8th, 2019

V. Living Environment Curriculum for Eighth Grade Science

VI. Principal’s Report
   A. Update on Charter Renewal
   B. Facilities Update
   C. Academic Programming Update
   D. Operations & Enrollment Update
   E. Teacher Retention Update
   F. Upcoming Events

VII. New Business

VIII. Next Meeting—August 1st, 2019

IX. Executive Session

X. Adjournment
Reunión de la Junta
11 de julio de 2019
801 East 156th Street, Bronx, NY 10455

AGENDA

I. Inicio de Sesión

II. Comentarios Públicos

III. Resolución para Aprobar las Minutas de la Reunión de la Junta del 6 de junio de 2019

IV. Visita del Departamento de Educación del Estado de Nueva York - 7 y 8 de octubre de 2019

V. Medioambiente Vivo para Ciencias de Octavo Grado

VI. Informe del Principal
   A. Renovación de Chárter
   B. Planta Física
   C. Programación Académica
   D. Operaciones y Matrícula
   E. Retención de Maestros
   F. Eventos

VII. Asuntos Nuevos

VIII. Próxima Reunión - 1 de agosto de 2019

IX. Sesión Ejecutiva

X. Cierre de Sesión
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Thursday, July 11th, 2019  
801 E 156th Street, Bronx, NY 10455

Board of Trustees Present: Felicia Franklin, Davon Russell, Jodi Schneider

Board of Trustees Absent: Nancy Biberman, Valerie Capers, Lori Chemla, Andrea Cohen, Serigne Gningue,

SBeca Staff Present: Brian Blough, Melissa Gaspard, Josef Haas, Mahelia Mighty

WHEDco Staff Present: Katie Aylwin, Meredith Leverich

Members of the Public Present: 0

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
Davon Russell said that there was not a quorum present, so the minutes could not be approved. He apologized and said that a variety of scheduling issues prevented several Trustees from attending, but that a great effort would be made in August to achieve a quorum.

NYSED Renewal Site Visit – October 7th and 8th, 2019
Mr. Russell said that NYSED had notified the school that the renewal site visit would be held on Monday, October 7th and Tuesday, October 8th. The Board will need to participate in a meeting with NYSED during one of those days. He said that Meredith Leverich would liaise with the Board to find a time that worked best for the greatest number of Trustees, and that other components of the site visit would be scheduled around that.

Living Environment Curriculum for Eighth Grade Science
Mr. Blough circulated a proposal to adopt the New York State Living Environment curriculum to replace the eighth grade science curriculum. He said that this strategy would allow students to sit for three Regents exams in eighth grade, including Algebra and U.S. History, preparing them for the rigor of high school level classes and/or earning high school credits while in middle school, which would, in turn, foster opportunities to earn college credits in high school. Mr. Blough shared an outline of the standards taught and the pacing
calendar, as well as an email confirmation from Karonne Watson, one of SBECAs co- liaisons at NYSED, verifying NYSEDs approval of this curriculum in place of the eighth grade curriculum. The Board said that they would review the curriculum further and vote on a resolution to adopt this curriculum at the August meeting, but that this plan made sense and supported the school’s early college culture.

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

New Business
Mr. Russell said that he had read a New York Times article about how charter schools are revisiting disciplinary practices. He suggested that the Board read the article and think more deeply about SBECAs policies, and how the school can better ensure that students remain in the classroom.

Next Meeting
Mr. Russell said that, given that August can be a popular vacation time, that the August meeting may need to be rescheduled from Thursday, August 1st, 2019, to ensure that a quorum is present. He said that the meeting would be posted on the website when a date is identified.

Adjournment
The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.