

BRIDGES PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

OPEN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2019

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Attendance:

Present

- Woody Scott
- Rikki Taylor via telephone
- Marissa Morabito-Reilly
- Tracy Clarke
- Hassan Dhouti via telephone
- Olivia Smith

Absent

- Daniel Jinich

Guest

Georgia Vergos – Chief Operating Officer

Welcome & Mission Moment

Woodrow Scott, Board Chair welcomed and called open board meeting into session and offered the Bridges Mission Moment.

Board Member Introductions

Board members introduced themselves to the community members focusing on their experience with community work and how they become connected to the Board.

Overview of Board Structure

Woody discussed the role of the Board and the volunteer nature of the members. The primary focus is on supporting the mission and vision of the school and supporting the leadership team in facilitating the day- to- day functions.

School Performance goals and functions were reviewed as were the progress in the following areas; reference *Student Data Reporting Report, October 2019* prepared by EdOps.

1. Attendance
2. Demographics
3. School wide performance on NWEA – (ELA, Math Growth & MAP Performance)
4. Mobility

Governance Committee goals reviewed as tracking the committee work of all sub committees, succession planning for leadership, Executive Director performance appraisal and recruitment of additional board members.

Finance Committee- improve enrollment tracking, fund raising and reviewing monthly budget reports and targets and annual audits. Finance committee presented updates requested by OSSE to the school’s Financial Policies & Procedures document to meet updates to the processes required for Federal grants management.

Community Members introduced themselves, in attendance were a Bridges special education teacher and the Bridges contracted Spanish Interpreter.

Director Report – Olivia Smith

Enrollment – reenrollment & new families

Planned enrollment is 428 for the program overall. However, we believe we will be at 408 students in total.

Total Number of English Learners 139

Total Number of At-Risk 152

Total Number of Students with Disabilities 154, this number will most likely increase by 10

Total Number of SPED Level 1 43

Total Number of SPED Level 2 14

Total Number of SPED Level 3 14

Total Number of SPED Level 4 83

Overview by Grade Level

PK3	56
PK 4	57

KG	54
1st	48
2nd	49
3rd	44
4 th	58
5th	42

PMF Report Card was shared last week within the community and Bridges is a Tier 2 school.

15 Year Charter Renewal – excited to report that the DC Public Charter Board unanimously voted to renew Bridges for a 15-year charter renewal on 11/18/19. Next steps are to negotiate our charter performance management goals and special focus will be on measuring student progress taking into consideration the high number of special education students. Bridges will be considering some type of alternative assessment.

Staffing

Still hiring for the following positions: 2nd grade special education co-teacher (1); 5th Math & Science (1); Classroom Assistants and /or Dedicated Aids (3).

Consent Agenda and Items Approved by the Board

Board Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2019 we reviewed, edited and approved.

R. Taylor – made the motion to approve the minutes once edited. O. Smith – second the motion. Motion was approved by the Board.

O. Smith – made the motion to approve the revisions proposed by the Finance Committee to Bridges’ Financial Policies & Procedures document to comply with new requirements for Federal grant management. T. Clarke – second the motion. Motion was approved by the Board.

Shout-outs and Meeting Feedback

Next board meeting is Jan. 21, 2020.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm