

## BRIDGES PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Conference Call

May 19, 2020

6:30 – 8:30 pm

#### ***Attendance:***

##### Present

- Woody Scott
- Rikki Taylor
- Marissa Morabito-Reilly
- Tracy Clarke
- Daniel Jinich
- Olivia Smith
- Hassan Dhouti

##### Guest

Georgia Vergos – Chief Operating Officer

Ms. Kay Elaster, Principal

Ms. Danette Dicks, Assistant Principal

Ms. Judith Dorvil, Director of Student Support Services

Ms. Rhonda Green, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

#### **School Program Presentations**

**Summer School & Extended School Year (ESY)** – Judith Dorvil and Danette Dicks presented on Bridges' summer school and Extended School Year (ESY) plan for the 2019-2020 school year. Both would be 100% virtual. All students from Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade would be invited to attend summer school. Only students who qualify for ESY services can participate in ESY. The program will run from June 15 to July 10, 2020.

**SY 20-21 instructional Planning** – Kay Elaster and Rhoda Green presented on the work happening to plan for instruction for the 20-21 SY. They reviewed data that was gathered from staff and families concerning successes and challenges with distance learning during the spring of 2020. Data was gathered via survey, focus group discussion and coaches meetings with instructional staff. During summer school and ESY the Zoom video conferencing platform will be piloted, along with WebEx to determine which platform is best for leading instruction in the fall. Work is also being done to identify a student Learning Management System (LMS) for the school to use also.

**Director’s Report**

- **Enrollment** – City put a freeze on offering seats from the waiting list until June 15, 2020. All schools across the city are seeing a low response rate from families who got 1<sup>st</sup> round offers for schools from the lottery. Our returning families are slowly completing re-enrolment paperwork.
- **Budget planning work** - The Mayor released her budget on May 18th and there are several areas to celebrate. Specifically, the Mayor’s budget includes:
  - A 3% increase to the UPSFF base amount
  - Honors the 2.2% increase to the Charter Facilities Payment per DC Code
  - Funding and Commitment to issue a RFO for Wilkinson and Spingarn (anticipated for DC Infrastructure Academy/Charter Co-Location)
  - Additionally, the budget includes an additional 1.5 million for mental health investments.
- **Mayor & Deputy Mayor of Education** - Stay at home order is in effect currently until June 8, 2020. Charter school leaders have meeting schedule with DME at 4 pm on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Mayor is supposed to be holding a press conference on Friday, May 22, 2010 to announce plans for summer school and 20-21 SY opening.
- **Court Case** - The discussions recently have been focused on potentially sending the case to an arbitration with a high-low agreement in place. Under this scenario, a retired judge would decide the case as opposed to a jury. The parties, however, have to reach agreement on what the high and low figures are.
- **Charter Amendment Process** - In order to give Bridges time to focus on students, families, and staff, we decided that leaving PMF as goals in the upcoming renewal as a “placeholder” would be best. The PMF in SY 2019-20, as proposed in the SY 2019-20 Covid-19 policy, would be null. By July 31, 2020, Bridges and DC PCSB staff will reach an agreement on individual charter goals, and Bridges would submit a charter amendment application in time for these new goals to be in effect for SY 2020-21. Under this proposal, Bridges goals and academic achievement expectations for its next review would look like the following:

• School Year	• Iteration of Charter	• Goals
• SY 2019-20	• 15-Year Renewal Agreement	• PMF as Goals • (Null year under Covid-19 Proposal)
• SY 2020-21 and beyond	• 15-Year Renewal Agreement – • Goals Amendment	• Individually negotiated charter goals with DC PCSB staff

**Consent Agenda**

- **Meeting Minutes** – No board meeting minutes were reviewed in the meeting.
- No Board meeting minutes were approved in this meeting.

### **Committee Reports/Updates**

- **Recruitment of Board Members** – No updates.
- **Governance Committee** – No updates.
- **Finance Committee** – No updates.
- **School Performance Committee** - No updates.

### **Mission Moment**

Olivia Smith lead the Board in doing are reflection and conversation about all of the things we will need to mourn for the coming 20-21 SY due to COVID-19. Mourning and recognizing the loss will allow us to better embrace the reality of the 20-21 SY and plan for unusual school year.

### **Shout-out and Meeting Feedback**

Keep doing the good work everyone.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.