



Bridges Public Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date & Time

March 16, 2021 6:30 pm

Location

Remote via Google Meet

Trustees Present

O. Smith, R. Hunt Taylor, D. Jinich, Dr. Sonya Harrison, H. Dhouti 7:00 -7:30 pm

Trustees Absent

S. Devi

Guests Present

G.Vergos- BPCS Chief Operating Officer

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guest

Attendance was recorded

B. Call the Meeting to Order

R. Hunt called the meeting to order on 3/16/21 at 6:42pm via Google meet.

C. Mission Moment

O. Smith shared a video of the Black History Month celebration, featuring BPCS students. There were technical issues and the video clip will be emailed to Board members.

D. Implementing Hybrid Instruction

Georgia Vergos shared the updates on COVID -19 and potential reopening plans. Highlights included cohort grouping numbers and plans to keep staff and students safe and healthy.

E. Director's Report

Vaccine Access & Education for Staff – O. Smith shared details on the availability of vaccines for charter school staff and the advocacy involved in increasing access for charter community to mirror that of DCPS. BPCS enlisted support of the Mary’s Center Medical Director to hold 2 virtual educational and Q&A sessions with staff. BPCS received feedback that this session assisted many staff in moving forward to schedule vaccination appointments.

Student Attendance – O. Smith shared chronic issues related to student’s attendance in DC during this period of virtual instruction. Bridges is working on incentives, meets and greets in local parks to enhance students’ participation. Reported that special education students are participating in therapy session with related service providers.

F. Consent Agenda

Approve Meeting Minutes from February 1, 2021

Motion to approve – R. Hunt Taylor

S. Harrison seconded the motion

The Board VOTED to unanimously approve the motion.

G. Board Conversation/ Consideration

R. Hunt-Taylor and O. Smith presented the contract and option to engage Charter Board Partners for Board development and to solicit new Board members for Bridges. Highlights included the robust candidates and selection, training process. In addition, the affiliation can potentially lead to members assisting or having experience with fund raising.

Motion to approve – J. Jinich

R. Hunt Taylor seconded the motion.

The board VOTED to approve the appointment.

II. Closing Items

A. Shout Outs & Meeting Feedback

R. Hunt Taylor expressed gratitude to the BPCS team for all of their hard work during this virtual learning process. Recommended that meetings be scheduled via Zoom with break out option for committee work.

B. Adjourn Meeting

R. Hunt Taylor made a motion to adjourn meeting.

O. Smith seconded the motion.

The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
G. Vergos