



Bridges Public Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date & Time

October 26, 2021 6:30 pm

Location

Remote via Zoom

Trustees Present

O. Smith, R. Hunt Taylor, S. Harrison and H. Dhouti

Not Present

S. Devi

Guests Present

Georgia Vergos, Kay Elaster, Rhonda Green

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 10/26/21 at 6:40pm via ZOOM.

C. Mission Moment

Images from Bridges Hispanic Heritage month activities and virtual whole school celebration

D. Student Learning - Kay Elater, Principal and Rhonda Green, Assistant Principal (1-5th grade) share BOY data and discussed intervention work and instructional approach in response to data. How to best support learning loss and acceleration was discussed by the Board with Ms. Kay and Ms. Green. Included a discussion of how to get best bang for the buck like providing double doses of phonics as part of reading intervention work.

E. COVID-19 and School Opening – Georgia Vergos gave an update on on-site testing and school's work to comply with legislation. Saliva testing continues to be a challenge for students in PreK to 2nd grade and students in the high-level special education classrooms. Work is being done to also have nasal swabbing as an option to meet the testing mandate of 20% of the school population weekly. DC's Conversation about mandating the vaccine for students continues. Student athletes must be vaccinated to play sports.

F. Director's Report

Enrollment is currently at 342 students as of October 26, 2021. PreK is under enrolled by 20 students, something we have never seen happen in 16 years. Mayor's mandate for 100% of staff to be vaccinated by Nov. 2, 2021 or have an exemption (medical or religious). Out of 137 staff people two staff people have so far qualified for a religious exemption. We have several staff people working with their doctors to complete the medical exemption request paperwork. Three staff people have informed the school that Nov. 1, 2021 will be their last day at Bridges because they will not get the vaccine. Any staff who have not meet the Nov. 1st deadline will go on unpaid leave until Nov. 30, 2021. If between Nov. 2 – 30 if they complete the vaccine requirement, they may be reinstated to their position. Any staff person who has not meet the mandate as of Nov. 30, 2021 will be terminated from employment. Open staff positions: Kindergarten Teacher Assistant, Math Interventionist (PT) and Spanish Teacher.

G. Consent Agenda

Approve Meeting Minutes from July 2021 & Sept. 2021– Board did not review or approve minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

O. Smith