Bronx Global Learning Institute for Girls
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Minutes for April 16, 2013

Welcome & Introductory Remarks by Shirley Rodriguez- Remeneski
Meeting starts at 6:46pm

Roll Call by Alana Barran

Board Members in attendance:
Shirley Rodriguez-Remeneski
Alana Barran
Nydia Sancho
Luis Febus
Marcela Carvajal
Victoria Rodriguez (via Face time)

Non-Board Members in attendance
Celia Domenech, Principal
Marcia Gonzalez, AP
Mary Cordero, Victory
Josh Moreau, Victory

Absent Board Member(s)
Huey-Min Chuang
Yolanda LaGuerre (Excused)

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

January 29 – 6pm Meeting - TABLED
January 29 – 7:15 meeting - TABLED

The Board of Trustees motions to approve the Board Meeting minutes March 19, 2013 .
Motion: Marcela Carvajal
2nd: by Alana Barran
Discussions: none
All in favor: Unanimous

Principal Report by Celia Domenech

I. Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on April 4 & 5. As usual, we had a great turnout.

II. The Lottery was held on Thursday evening, April 4th. There were 672 total applications.

III. I attended a one day conference at Columbia University "Learning and the Brain". This conference validated the reason we have created the culture that exists at BGLIG.

IV. The fifth grade performed at the 100 Hispanic Women "Mind, Body & Spirit" Conference at Yankee Stadium. As usual, they were well received.

V. An important meeting was held on Friday, April 12 with the four principals that will share this campus. I have called Daree Lewis to discuss space issues as our school becomes a K-8 building.

VI. The ELA test began today. It has been impressive to witness how each grade has been motivating and "encouraging" their "sisters".

VII. Math State tests will begin on April 24. Our staff will participate in a scoring consortium organized by the Charter Center.

VIII. Adoption of calendar 2013-2014

Academic Committee Report by Nydia Sancho, Yolanda LaGuerre & Alana Barran

*Meeting to discuss rollout of the Middle School as submitted to NYCDOE in the charter renewal application

*Plan on Scheduling the yearly Academic Committee informal meeting with the teachers and teaching assistant in early June, as they did last year.

Finance Committee report tabled pending the Board Retreat on April 20th

Victory Education Partners Report

Academic/Technology/Governance/Compliance by Mary Cordero

1. Enrollment/Organization Matters as per BGLIG submitted Operations Report – 3/28/2013

   Enrollment Breakdown: 290
   Grade K - 54
   Grade 1-54
   Grade 2- 52
   Grade 3- 43
   Grade 4- 44
   Grade 5 -43

   Number of Special Ed. Students: 28
   Number of ELL's students: 31
   March Student Attendance: 94.8%
   March Teacher Attendance: 98.9%

2. Curriculum/Instruction
   - Title I Program - in compliance with all federal and state mandates. Documentation is up to date. Services implemented effectively.
   - Intervention Team is using data to guide their work with identified students.
   - Victory Education Partners will be conducting a Monitoring visit during the first week of May.

English Language Arts - Victory Education Partners-consultant, Lauren Benjamin

- Confirmed development dates; still need 7 more days during this school year
  April 12
  May 6, 15, 17, 20, 31
  June 14, 17, 21
  July 1, 2, 3, 11, 12
  For the 2013-2014 school year, the following pre-service dates have been confirmed-Aug 20, 21
- During the April 12th day… Celia, Lauren and I walked through the school and Celia introduces Lauren to the Staff. We met will all teachers during their prep to assess their personal needs

Dual Language - Victory Education Partners consultant Luisa Lillian Costa, PhD:

a. Supported the development of Spanish language literacy
b. coaching selected teachers and TAs
c. To facilitate the process for guided reading Luisa translated the reading strategies into Spanish for each reading level A and up. We will develop a grid to help teachers look at each reading level and how students are moving along in their strategy learning. In the meantime until we create leveled libraries and genre libraries with a range of reading levels in Spanish, we will be asking the teachers to practice with the students the five finger rule. Luisa prepared a short plan for teachers to use called: el libro justo. We will be implementing this strategy so that the girls can decide which book to choose so that they can read it at their appropriate reading level.
d. We have been able to add more Spanish in the morning welcome from Ms. Domenech at 8:30 with La Promesa de lealtad. A copy was distributed to all the classrooms so that the girls can memorize the text and

accompany the words.

Jessica Wilms – Victory Education Partners – Curriculum & Instruction Specialist

- NYS testing preparation support (grades 3 – 5)
- Assessment and Data Support
  - Analyzed data to advice shifts in instructional practice to impact student achievement
  - Creating data strategy maps to respond to student data
- Teacher Support (K – 5)
- Math Games
  - Created and supported the implementation of math games (grades K – 5)
- Parent Information Session on Common Core Standards

Special Education - Victory Education Partners consultant – Irene Abrams

- Compliance with Federal and State Mandates
- Reviewed the use of Tier III interventions and their place in the RTI process.
- IEPs: There are 28 students with IEPs. All are current and updated in SEASWEB.

3. Assessments

a. NY State Assessments for 2012-2013

- NYSESLAT(Speaking) – April 17-May 17 * Starts tomorrow…
- NYSESLAT(Listening, Reading & Writing) – May 6 – May 17
- NYSED ELA (Grades 3-8) – April 16-18 ** Started today…
- NYSED Math (Grade 3-8) – April 24-26
- NYSED Science Performance Assessment (Grades 4 & 8) – May 22-31
- NYSED Science Written Assessment (Grades 4 & 8) – June 3

4. 11 middle school principal applications received to date. Conducting phone screenings and then will do interview with best candidates.

<u>Operations submitted by Brooke Fontaine</u>

*Submitted the April enrollment billing
*Lottery was on April4th, next steps enter all students on ATS
*2013-2014 title Allocations Data Report was submitted
* Bus and Fire Drills are up to date.

<u>Financial Report by Josh Moreau</u>

*Met with Academic Committee to discussed Middle School Model and the Budget requirements
*Attending the Board Retreat on April 20th to discuss budget with the full board
*BGLIG financials are strong

PTO Report by Marcela Carvajal

*Bylaws Committee met and working on PTO Bylaws
*Elections are coming up in May
*PTO Candy in progress
* PTO Planning for the Mother Daughter Annual Event and for the Victoria Garden Trip

*Parent Concerns shared with the PTO President:
-Need for a security guard
-Need for Diversity with staff and teachers
-Parents want a real exercise program; the ballet is not meeting those needs.

-the parents want a different color and type of uniform for the MS school girls.
-Space concerns- lack of space will increase incidents
-The parents are concerned about the impact of the dual language program on the Middle School.
The parents want to ensure that the girls re receiving English instruction that meet the ELA requirements for the state test.
_Parents want to make sure the middle school provides extracurricular activities for the girls, ex. sports

Executive session: start time: 8:00pm End time: 8:30pm

New Business
Marcela Carvajal – wished the board to consider and after school program for next year

Resolutions:
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The Board of Trustees motions to approve the 2013-2013 BGLIG school year calendars.
Motion: Marcela Carvajal
2nd by Nydia Sancho
Discussions: none
All in favor: Unanimous

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The Board of Trustees motions to approve the 2013-2013 BGLIG Board of Trustees meeting calendar.
Motion: Marcela Carvajal
2nd by Nydia Sancho
Discussions: none
All in favor: Unanimous

Adjournment at 8:40
Motion by Alana Barran
2nd by Nydia Sancho
All in favor: Unanimous

Next Board Meeting: May 21, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.