Bronx Global Learning Institute for Girls
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Board Members Present: Alana Barran, Joseph Carcagno, Marcela Carvajal, Huey-Min Chuang, Yolanda LaGuerre (Via Sype), Victoria Rodriguez, and Nydia Sancho (Arrived at 7pm)
Absent Board Members: All members were present
Non-Board Members Present: Luz Collazo-Davis, Mary Cordero, Celia Domenech, Paul O,Neil and Josh Moreau
Start time: 6:25pm

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks by Alana Barran
    - Roll call by Victoria Rodriguez

New Business:

- BGLIG Bylaws: Paul O'Neil introduced himself to the Board as the school's new attorney. Paul reviewed BGLIG's Bylaws and recommended the following changes: (Edits outlined in attached report)
    - Amend Section 3 Composition
        - Amend Section 5 Number of Trustees
        - Amend Section 13 Quorum
        - Remove Section 15

Resolutions presented to the Board by Paul:
Resolution 1: Whereas, upon the BGLIG Board of Trustee advice of counsel, it is resolved: That the Bylaws of the Bronx Global Learning Institute for Girls Charter School Board of Trustees are amended and modified as indicated on the attached draft. Alana makes the motion to pass resolution 1. Victoria seconds. Joseph, Marcela, Huey-Min, and Nydia in favor. Yolanda is against. Motion passes with majority vote.
Resolution 2: Whereas, the Bylaws of the Bronx Global Learning Institute for Girls Charter School require board trustees who have served a 5 year term to be re-elected at an annual meeting thereafter, it is resolved: That a vote shall be taken at the next annual meeting of the board of trustees (the "Annual Meeting") with regard to the re-election of each board member who has served for at least 5 years. Those members are:
Alana Barran
Nydia Novoa-Sancho
Huey-Min Chuang
Victoria Rodriguez
Yolanda LaGuerre

The term of each trustee that has served for at least 5 years shall terminate at the adjournment of the Annual Meeting. Each trustee who is re-elected shall serve a 5 year term as a trustee that shall commence at the end of the Annual Meeting. Victoria makes the motion to approve resolution 2. Marcela seconds. Joseph, Huey-Min, Alana, and Nydia in favor. Yolanda is against. Motion passes with majority vote.
Alana makes the motions to designate June 17, 2014 as the BGLIG Board of Trustees Annual Meeting. Huey-Min seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
Elementary School Principal Report – Attached

Middle School Principal Report: - Attached

Committee Reports:

Financial Committee:

Budget is sound and expenses are carefully monitored. School is preparing for an audit over the summer. We will continue to use the same agency as past years. We are in discussions with Academic and Personnel Committee regarding specific line items related to personnel.

Huey-Min makes the motion to approve and engage the auditor, Vargas Rivera, LLP at the same rate as last year. Yolanda would like to recommend that the audit include all credit card transactions. Board agrees. Huey-Min asked that Josh report back to the Board at the annual meeting on audit procedure. Motion is tabled.

Victory Contract: Discussions are still taking place. A verbal agreement was made between Victory and BGLIG. A draft contract is being reviewed by the school's attorney. Once a final contract is approved it will be shared with the Board.

Academic & Personnel Committee:

Evaluation reviews are underway. Committee is still in the process of reaching a recommendation to the Board regarding salary increases. Recommendations expected to be presented at the annual meeting.

Approval of Minutes: April 8, 2014

Alana makes motion to approve minutes. Nydia seconds. Joseph, Victoria, Huey-Min, and Marcela in favor. Yolanda is against. Motion passes by majority vote.

Alana asked for Yolanda to provide recording transcripts that have been requested at previous board meetings.

Old Business:

Victoria make motion to approve the 2014-2015 school year calendar. Yolanda seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

Alana makes motion to approve BGLIG's 2014-2015 board meeting calendar. Huey-Min seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

PTO Report – Attached

Victory Education Report – Attached

Open Forum:

Literacy coach Biondo spoke on behalf teachers. They would like to have a voice.

Ms. Garraway speaks to Yolanda directly. She would like us to be transparent. A communication should have gone out to staff regarding the Business Manager (BM). Ms. Garrway asked Yolanda for an in person meeting to address any of Yolanda's concerns.

Parent asked that we compensate Norma and Liz for taking on the role of the BM.

Liz Medina and Norma asked to be compensated for splitting the role of BM while the Board reviews candidate to fill role.

Another teacher asked about salary increases.

Yolanda addresses the parents regarding BM issue.

Alana makes motion to move into executive session to discuss potential legation risks and personnel issues at 7:53pm. Marcela seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Executive Session:

Alana makes motion to have auditor, Vargas Rivera, LLC., review and analyze credit card

statements as part of the audit and/or separate. Marcela seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
Joseph makes motion to increase the payment cap for board attorney, Paul O'Neil, by an adding $5K after totally $7,500. When attorney fees approach 80% of each $2.5K increment the board will be notified. Victoria seconds. Alana, Nydia, Marcela, and Huey-Min in favor. Yolanda is against. Motion passes by majority vote.
Alana makes motion to return to general meeting at 8:55pm. Joseph seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
Alana moves to adjourn the general meeting at 8:56pm. Nydia seconds. Huey-Min, Joseph, Victoria, and Marcela in favor. Yolanda is against. Motion passes by majority vote.