BRONX GLOBAL LEARNING INSTITUTE FOR GIRLS CHARTER SCHOOL
THE SHIRLEY RODRIGUEZ-REMENESKI SCHOOL

Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Minutes

Date: May 12, 2021
Time: 6:30PM

MEETING CHAIR: Dina Velez
MEETING LOCATION: Zoom

ATTENDANCE:
Board Members: Carla Anderson – CA, Hanna Campbell - HC, Victoria Jenn Rodriguez – VJR (Excused Absence), Anthony Jordan - AJ, KoKoe Tanaka-Suwan - KTS, Dina Velez – DV, Marques Whitmire - MW
BGLIG Staff: Annabel Castro Lee, Erica Pagan, Mylene Pionilla

I. Call to Order
Dina called the meeting to order at 6:34pm and Hanna conducted roll call.

II. Introduction/Welcome
Dina welcomed board members, school staff and members of the broader BGLIG community. She shared the options for translation into Spanish with meeting attendees and reviewed the meeting's agenda.

Hanna gave a reminder about the public comment process. Throughout the board meeting, members of the public may add their name to a list and will be given two minutes to share any comments that they have during the public comment section of the agenda.

III: Executive Director Report

Ms. Pagan gave an update on the school's preparation for reopening. This past week has been about professional development for teachers to prepare them for the return to in-person learning.

Ms. Castro Lee gave an update on the academics including that they have seen growth in the Middle School ELA proficiency rates between assessment windows. The school is using the most recent data to make updates to their approach to instruction and curriculum.

Additionally the Special Population Specialists -- the AIS, ENL and SETTS teams -- have been working together to address the needs of students with special needs which is a priority for the school. These three teams together increased the number of collaborative planning sessions. They are increasing staffing of ENL teachers and creating propoisals to purchase additional resources.

The school has also been working on Improving the teaching capacity of the Teaching Assistants. TAs are working on certification, assisting with lesson materials for struggling students and small groups, and effectively collaborating with lead teachers.

IV. UFT Negotiations

Our lawyer, Darrell Gay, joined to give an update on the UFT negotiations. He started with a brief introduction of himself since it was the first time that many board members were being introduced to him.

V. General Updates

Hanna gave the following update on board membership:

After thirteen years of board service, Nydia Novoa-Sancho reached out to inform us of her resignation. We thank her deeply for her service and wish her well. If you have well wishes or notes of gratitude to share with her, please feel free to reach out and let her know.

Anthony Jordan's BOT membership application was approved by the DOE last week. He has joined the BOT in the seat reserved for the President of the PTA. Welcome, Mr. Jordan!

Maria Munoz's application is still pending with DOE. The timeline for approval of board members by the DOE has been quite lengthy this school year, so this isn't a surprise. It's our hope that we'll hear back from the DOE re: Maria's application in time for the June board meeting.

VI. Committee Updates
The academic committee will be working over the summer with the Executive Director and Principal to learn more about the process for observations.

The finance committee has set up a regularly scheduled meeting. The committee is also getting connected to BGLIGs accounting services provider and gaining access to the most up to date financials.

VII: Resolutions
MOTION TO APPROVE : The Board meeting minutes for the April meetings.

Motioned by: Hanna
2nd by: Marques
Votes for: All **Votes Against**: None
Motion passes: Yes
Discussions: Since there were no questions about the minutes, the board moved directly to the vote.

VI. Public Session

There were a few questions and comments about the school's reopening plan, including a comment that the staggering plan for transitions might not have enough time allocated and a question about shields for student desks.

VII. Executive Session

Motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the topic of collective negotiations made by Hanna at 7:33PM, second by Dina. All in favor. Motion passes.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 8:02pm and return to public session made by Hanna, second by AJ. All in favor. Motion passes

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dina at 8:03PM. AJ seconds. All in favor. Meeting is adjourned.