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

Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Minutes

Date: June 9, 2021
Time: 6:30PM

MEETING CHAIR: Dina Velez
MEETING LOCATION: Zoom

ATTENDANCE:
Board Members: Carla Anderson – CA, Hanna Campbell - HC , Anthony Jordan -AJ, Victoria Jenn Rodriguez – VJR (Absent), KoKoe Tanaka-Suwan - KTS, Dina Velez – DV, Marques Whitmire - MW (Absent)
BGLIG Staff: Stephanie Mendez, 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. Lee, the school's Principal, gave an update on the plans for the 8th grade graduation. An extensive plan for the ceremony will be shared with parents and the school community, including covid 19 procedures and protocols. She also gave a shout out to the graduation committee for their hard work.

Ms. Lee gave an update on NYSESLAT testing. The SPED team recently completed administering this assessment to the school's English language learners to assess their English language proficiency. The SPED team will begin scoring in the next few days. She gave a shout out to the SPED team for completing the assessment in a timely fashion.

Ms. Lee closed her update by sharing with the board that she was resigning, effective immediately, from her role at the school.

Ms. Pagan, the school's Assistant Principal gave an update on the 5th grade stepping up ceremony. There will be a ceremony to celebrate the 5th graders as they transition to middle school. The girls had multiple opportunities for input on the ceremony and based on their vote, the girls will wear blue dresses for the event. Leading up to the ceremony, there will be a week of fun activities and the virtual event will be held

on June 25th from 2:00pm-4:30pm and the theme is sunflowers.

Ms. Pagan also shared an update on the I-Ready ELA and Math testing and mock state exams. The I-Ready exam has been administered over the last two weeks across all grades. This data is used to track growth, develop instructional groups, etc.

Next week, grades 3-8 to will sit for mock ELA and Math exams. This was one of the state requirements for schools that did not administer the New York State assessments.

This data plus the I-Ready data will be used to inform curriculum decisions and professional development plans for the fall.

IV. Committee Updates

The school's legal counsel shared an update from the UFT negotiations committee. Counsel has been attempting to get the UFT to come to the bargaining table to engage in good faith negotiations. The next scheduled meeting is June 24th. The last meeting was May 18th. Since then, counsel has made themselves available to meet at any time on any day and the union has said they are unable to meet until the 24th. The school has made the last, best and final offer and is waiting on the union's review.

VI: Resolutions

MOTION TO APPROVE : The SY 2021-22 instructional calendar

Motioned by: DV
2nd by: KTS
Discussions: Since there were no questions about the calendar, the board moved directly to the vote.

Votes for: All
Motion passes: Yes

V. Public Session

A member of the public, who is a parent, shared that she was concerned after hearing the resignation of the principal. She shared that she believes in our school community and has faith, however it is concerning that there have been two principal transitions this school year. Members of the board and the school responded to say that her concerns were heard and appreciated and that the board would be meeting with the Executive Director to create a plan for moving forward.

Another member of the public, who is both a parent and teacher, shared that she was excited about the 5th grade graduation.

Another member of the public shared that she was pleased to hear that members of the board were planning on attending the graduation ceremony because historically board members have not been very present at these events.

VI. Executive Session

Motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the topic of collective negotiations and a personnel matter made by Hanna at 7:32PM, seconded by AJ. All in favor. Motion passes.

Dina motioned to exit the Executive Session at 8:13pm. The motion was seconded by AJ. All in favor. Motion passes.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dina at 8:15pm. AJ seconds. All in favor. Meeting is adjourned.