

**BRONX ACADEMY OF PROMISE**  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD  
**March 27, 2018**

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**Location:** Bronx Academy of Promise, 1349 Inwood Avenue, Bronx, NY 10452

**Present:** Steven Mayo, Kevin Kearns, Carlibi Rojas, Dennis Sze

**Excused:** Rev. Michael Carrion, Milca Meyer

**Minutes:** The meeting was called into session at 7:15 pm by Kevin Kearns

I. The minutes of the Board meeting held on February 13, 2018 were unanimously approved by the Board

II. Principal Jackvony presented the **School Leader's Report:**

**Enrollment/Attendance**

Current Enrollment—601 students; January Attendance Rate – 95.5%

**Authorizer Communications**

On Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, a conference was held at the school with the NYC DOE Authorizing team and the school board and administrative team to discuss the recent development regarding the NYS Department of Education's decision for the school's recommended renewal term. In response to the meeting, the administrative team met to determine the school's plan for addressing the change in recommendation.

Parent meetings were held on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, to notify families about the recent renewal discussion. Approximately 200 hand-written letters were collected and sent to the NYS Board of Regents asking for the school to receive the NYC DOE recommended number of years within the next charter term.

**Curriculum and Instruction**

In an attempt to plan for the 2018-19 school year, presentations were held by representatives of Pearson and McGraw Hill to review their new Science program for grades K-5. We currently use Interactive Science (K-5) and the 7 year contract will end in June 2018. Teachers from all grade levels and the administrative team discussed the presentations/programs and chose Pearson's Elevate for the new Science program. The decision was based on:

- The increased focus on integrating the new Next Generation Science standards
- The program was created for New York State schools
- The program highlights ELA, Math and STEM
- The program encourages critical thinking skills and hands-on learning

Data Teams in grades 3 – 8 have focused on test taking strategies in anticipation of the upcoming ELA and Math Assessments.

The School was invited by the NYC DOE to join a newly implemented program to help support 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who would be taking the Specialized High School Admissions Test in the Fall of 2018. The Capacitating Building Initiative (CBI) offers our school an opportunity to play a major role in the department's efforts to increase diversity in NYC Specialized High Schools. The program began on Monday , March 19, 2018 with approx. 20 students.

### **Consultants**

On Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was held with our Security consulting firm, Lawrence Security, to discuss certain measures that could be taken to increase security in the school in light of the recent school shooting in Parkland, FL.

### **III. New Business.**

The Board discussed various dates and venues for a year-end gala.

### **IV. Old Business.**

No old business discussed.

### **V. Public Expressions.**

There were no public expressions.

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:20pm.