

**Bentley Academy Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2019**

Present: Ryan Lovell (chair), Alyce Davis (co-chair), Jonathan Bailly (treasurer), George Atkins, Dick Pabich, Mary Hayes, Hai Son (phone), and Carli Kusiolek (phone)

Also Present: Marlena Afonso (Head of School) and Katherine DePietro (STU)

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2019 meeting was made and seconded (MTA-D.P/ Second M.H.). The minutes were approved as presented.

Head of School Update

Enrollment Update from the March 9th Lottery:

55 new K scholars - 30 of whom are siblings

Waitlists exist for each grade level as follows:

Grade 1- 11 scholars

Grade 2 -12 scholars

Grade 3 -13 scholars

Grade 4 - 5 scholars

Grade 5 - 5 scholars

HR Teacher and Para-Professional Update

Two new paras and one long-term para have been hired. The latter will cover a yearlong leave. A new substitute teacher for a grade three math opening was hired on March 20, 2019. The previously hired substitute resigned unexpectedly.

P.D. Update

On March 8th, the educators engaged in a full-day of professional development. The BACS teachers had visited three schools: Elliot School K-8 Innovation School in the North End, Boston, MA, the Brook Charter School in Roslindale, MA, and the Match Charter School in Boston, MA.

The teachers reported out on their learnings and take-aways.

Academic Update

A-NET Ms. Afonso shared the A-Net results in ELA and Math for BACS grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 as compared with the commutative results of the Massachusetts Network of 35 schools. These ANet results represent the third of four interims. The percentage below represents the plus or minus percentage difference of BACS results as compared with the larger cohort of test-takers:

ELA - Grade 2 (+6%) Grade 3 (-5%) Grade 4 (+5%) and Grade 5 (+5%)

Math - Grade 2 (+7%) Grade 3 (-9%) Grade 4 (-4%) and Grade 5 (+3%)

STEP Reading Assessment - Third Benchmark

The assessments measure reading growth as “steps” toward grade-level reading goals of three levels of growth per year.

Percent of Scholars on Track to meet Goals by Grade Level:

K - 88% 3 - 36.3%

1 - 85.7% 4 - 43.8%

2 - 72.5% 5 - 55.5%

Grade Three Interventions:

Additional classroom support is offered by the Literacy Coach and the Head of School
Proactive steps are in place
Results are not a surprise
Twelve grade three scholars are new to BACS this year

Family Update

Literacy Night *Wild About Reading* will be held on March 26th. Reading dogs program was mentioned.

March Conferences - Great attendance was noted by Principal Afonso. No attendance percentages were available to be shared just yet.

Finance Update

Treasurer Jonathan Bailly summarized the financial report as follows:

Per Pupil finding is \$180 less per pupil for FY 20. BACS is capable of carrying a deficit

Line items remain the same

No staff will be involved in leadership training program

It was noted: Should such decreases in per pupil funding continue the effects on programming and staffing will be negatively impacted.

The budget, as presented, was recommended for approval by the BACS board. A motion to approve the FY2020 budget was made (G.A.) and seconded (D.P.) and was voted upon unanimously.

The budget as approved will go forward to the School Committee for final approval.

Committee Updates

Communications Committee

Alyce reported that she and Ryan will attend at meeting with Mayor Driscoll and Superintendent Ruiz on Friday April 5th. Consultant Shelby Hypes will also attend the meeting to be held at CMS.

New Business

Board members discussed the need to seek out new trustees to serve on the board to replace those trustees who have termed-off or who have had to leave for other reasons. Chair Lovell offered to share the criteria, terms of office and other recruitment information at the next meeting of the board. Carli, Mary and Jonathan suggested they might have individuals in mind who might be well suited to the task of serving on the board.

The next meeting will be held on April 24th at BACS at 6:00 pm.

Note: We will follow a monthly meeting schedule held the **fourth** Wednesday of each month.

A motion to adjourn (D.P.) and seconded (J.B.) was made at 6:38 pm. The motion was voted upon unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
A. Davis, Ed.D.