

Mariana Bracetti Academy Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting
6:00 PM, April 6, 2016
1840 Toresdale Avenue – Philadelphia, PA 19124

Executive Session was held at 5:30 PM to discuss personnel matters. The public meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: Arlene Holtz, Jenee Chizick-Aguero, Tara Buckley (via phone), Carrie Nase-Poust, Tracy-Elizabeth Clay (via Phone), Carmen Cruz

Not Present: Jorge Santiago, Elisa Rodriguez-Roche, Tara Smith

Student Recognition

The Board of Trustees recognizes the following students for their participation and achievements in the following areas:

- Giovanni Pamphile, MBA Brass Ensemble/ Tune Up Philly
- Heaven Bethea, MBA Brass Ensemble/ Tune Up Philly
- Quela Winters, MBA Brass Ensemble/ Tune Up Philly
- Elizabeth Velez, MBA Brass Ensemble/ Tune Up Philly
- Stacy Jaquez, MBA Brass Ensemble/ Tune Up Philly
- Alexis Arthur, vocalist with Rock to the Future
- Ronald Palmer, MBA Wrestling
- Edwin Morales, MBA Wrestling
- Tatyana Ortiz, MBA Wrestling
- Ricardo Vargas, First Place in George Washington Carver Science Fair

I. Routine Business

a. Approval of 12/2/15 & 1/6/16 Minutes

Carmen Cruz motions to approve the 12/2/15 & 1/6/16 minutes. *Tara Buckley seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Carmen Cruz

Second: Tara Buckley

Ayes: AH, JCA, TB, CNP, TEC, CC

Nays: None

II. Action Items

a. Approval of Student Expulsions

The hearing officer, Jenee Chizick, presents her recommendations for expulsion.

- i.** Arlene Holtz moves to approve the recommendation of the hearing officer and expel Student 6612875 as of June 30, 2016. *Carmen Cruz seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Arlene Holtz

Second: Carmen Cruz

Ayes: AH, JCA, TB, CNP, TEC, CC

Nays: None

ii. Student 7529861 – The expulsion hearing was rescheduled. TABLED.

iii. Arlene Holtz moves approve the recommendation of the hearing officer and place Student 6364703 on a behavioral contract. *Jenee Chizick seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Arlene Holtz Second: Jenee Chizick
Ayes: AH, JCA, TB, CNP, TEC, CC Nays: None

iv. Arlene Holtz moves to approve the recommendation of the hearing officer and place Student 7082972 on a behavioral contract. *Jenee Chizick seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Arlene Holtz Second: Jenee Chizick
Ayes: AH, JCA, TB, CNP, TEC, CC Nays: None

v. Student 7272737 – The expulsion hearing was rescheduled. TABLED.

vi. Arlene Holtz moves to approve the recommendation of the hearing officer and place Student 6477120 on a behavioral contract. *Jenee Chizick seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Arlene Holtz Second: Jenee Chizick
Ayes: AH, JCA, TB, CNP, TEC, CC Nays: None

b. Approval of Staffing Report

Arlene Holtz moves to approve the staffing report. *Carmen Cruz seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Arlene Holtz Second: Carmen Cruz
Ayes: AH, JCA, TB, CNP, TEC, CC Nays: None

c. Approval of Financial Audit

Tara Buckley moves to approve the Financial Audit. *Carmen Cruz seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Tara Buckley Second: Carmen Cruz
Ayes: AH, JCA, TB, CNP, TEC, CC Nays: None

d. Approval of Primo's Agreement

Carrie Nase-Poust moves to approve the Primo's Agreement. *Carmen Cruz seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Carrie Nase-Poust Second: Carmen Cruz
Ayes: AH, JCA, TB, CNP, TEC, CC Nays: None

e. Approval of 2016-2017 School Calendar

Tara Buckley moves to approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar. *Carrie Nase-Poust seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Tara Buckley

Ayes: AH, JCA, TB, CNP, TEC, CC

Second: Carrie Nase-Poust

Nays: None

f. Approval of Student Settlement Agreement

Tara Buckley moves to approve the Student Settlement Agreement. *Carmen Cruz seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Tara Buckley

Ayes: AH, JCA, TB, CNP, TEC, CC

Second: Carmen Cruz

Nays: None

III. Oral Reports

a. Community Relations

Tony Alvarez presents a slideshow of school and community events.

b. Achievement

Jana Somma presents the Elementary School DRA 2015-2016 Growth Report from the beginning of the year to the middle of the year. Jana also presents the results of the third benchmark, highlighting data from grades 3, 6, 7, and 8. Finally, Jana presents data regarding the winter Keystone exam results. Andrew Boglioli presents an update on student activities that took place during January, February and March. Allison Rodman presents an update on staff professional development activities that took place during January, February and March.

c. Enrollment and Attendance

Angela Villani presents the Enrollment and Attendance report. Current enrollment is at 1,195 students, and year-to-date attendance is 91.53%.

d. Discipline

Andrew Boglioli presents the Discipline Report. There were 22 suspensions in March, down from 36 in March 2015. There were 80 in-school suspensions in March, down from 102 in March 2015.

e. Budget to Actuals

Arlene Holtz states that during the Finance Committee meeting, which was held at 5:00 PM on April 6, 2016, the projected deficit was discussed. If the facilities lease reimbursement is also cut, the projected deficit could increase. Angela Villani states there was an approximately \$550,000 loss in revenue this school year due to several factors, mainly increases in special education costs, a mid-year change in per pupil rates from the SDP, and an error in the budget that was passed.

IV. Informational Items

Tory Abbott states that Financial Interests Forms are due, and must be on file at the school prior to May 1, 2016.

Allison Rodman states that Graduation will be held on June 9, 2016 at 6 PM, and board members who are attending need to complete academic regalia order forms.

V. Public Comment

None

Carmen Cruz motions to adjourn the meeting. *Jenee Chizick seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

The meeting is adjourned.