

Mariana Bracetti Academy Charter School
Board of Trustees
February 4, 2015 – Meeting Minutes

Present: Arlene Holtz, Jenee Chizick, Carmen Cruz, Tara Smith

Not Present: Jorge Santiago, Tracy-Elizabeth Clay, Alejandro Roman

I. Routine Business

a. Approval of 12/3/2014 Minutes

Jenee Chizick moves to approve the 12/3/2014 Minutes as presented. *Carmen Cruz seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Jenee Chizick
Ayes: AH, JC, CC, TS

Second: Carmen Cruz
Nays: None

II. Oral Reports

a. Community Relations

Tony Alvarez presents a slideshow of photographs from the past month's activities. Students are participating in a Yankee Candle fundraiser. The annual Talent Show will be held on March 26th. The school is also planning a silent auction from May 21st.

b. Achievement Report

High school guidance counselor, Una McQuaile, presents the mid-year counseling update on college acceptances and scholarship awards. Andrew Boglioli presents the month's student activities, including field trips, leadership opportunities, school spirit days, and award assemblies. Allison Rodman presents the month's professional development opportunities. Jana Somma presents the PSSA testing schedule.

c. Enrollment and Attendance

Angela Villani states that enrollment is currently at 1,241 and whole school attendance is at 90.6% year to date.

d. Discipline

Andrew Boglioli presents the discipline report. In January there were 25 suspensions, and 73 in-school suspensions. During the month of November 34.3% of students had perfect attendance. We are currently averaging 65 latenesses per day; 94.8% of our student body is arriving on time for school.

e. Budget to Actuals

Ron Nordmeyer presents the budget to actuals report. The revised budget shows an ending fund balance of -\$457,000. The food budget, which is separate, shows an ending fund balance of \$150,000. The approximate total ending fund balance is -\$300,000. This can be attributed to a new method of payment from the School

District of Philadelphia, IDEA and Title I funds being down, and increases in Special Education costs.

III. Action Items

a. Approval of Student Expulsions

The hearing officer, Carmen Cruz, presents her recommendations for student expulsions.

Arlene Holtz moves to approve the expulsion of student 5980332. *Tara Smith seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Arlene Holtz
Ayes: AH, JC, CC, TS

Second: Tara Smith
Nays: None

b. Approval of Staffing Report

Arlene Holtz moves to approve the staffing report as presented during executive session. *Jenee Chizick seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Arlene Holtz
Ayes: AH, JC, CC, TS

Second: Jenee Chizick
Nays: None

c. Approval of Updated ESL Policy

Jenee Chizick moves to approve the updated ESL policy. *Carmen Cruz seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Jenee Chizick
Ayes: AH, JC, CC, TS

Second: Carmen Cruz
Nays: None

d. Approval of Copier Lease Contract

Carmen Cruz moves to approve the four year copier lease contract with Standard Digital Imaging. *Tara Smith seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Carmen Cruz
Ayes: AH, JC, CC, TS

Second: Tara Smith
Nays: None

e. Approval of Amendment of Agenda

Arlene Holtz moves to approve the amendment of the agenda to include the approval of the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding. *Tara Smith seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Arlene Holtz
Ayes: AH, JC, CC, TS

Second: Tara Smith
Nays: None

f. Approval of First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding

Arlene Holtz moves to approve the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Philadelphia Charter School Office. *Tara Smith seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Arlene Holtz
Ayes: AH, JC, CC, TS

Second: Tara Smith
Nays: None

IV. Informational Items

Jenee Chizick states that Motivos Magazine is awarding scholarships, and encourages MBA students to apply. She also has tickets available to the Franklin Institute Body Worlds exhibit.

Tory Abbotts states that Statements of Financial Interests Forms must be on file at the school by May 1, 2015.

V. Public Comment

Ben Greer and Max Tanenbaum give an update on the MBA wrestling program. Arlene Holtz requests the coaches return next meeting to give an additional update.

VI. Adjournment

Arlene Holtz moves to adjourn the meeting. *Carmen Cruz seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*