

**Mariana Bracetti Academy Charter School**  
Board of Trustees  
April 8, 2015 – Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Arlene Holtz, Tracy-Elizabeth Clay, Jenee Chizick, Carmen Cruz, Tara Smith, Alejandro Roman

**Not Present:** Jorge Santiago

**I. Board Commendation**

The Board of Trustees recognized the following students and staff: Lisa Bistline, Emily Orodener, Lynn Smith, Jaclyn Lewis, Kristen Craig, Molly Neubert, Margaret Nice, and Marcia DeSalvo for receiving funding through Donor’s Choose and/or Go Fund Me this year for supplemental classroom resources; the George Washington Carver Science Fair Participants and Andrew Boglioli; the MBA wrestling team and coaches Ben Greer and Max Tanenbaum; Allison Rodman for presenting at ASCD’s National Conference on Personalized Learning; and Jessica Kilmetz for being selected for the state board ESL committee in Harrisburg

**II. Routine Business**

**a. Approval of 4/8/2015 Minutes**

Tara Smith motions to approve the 4/8/15 minutes. *Arlene Holtz seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

*Motion: Tara Smith*

*Second: Arlene Holtz*

*Ayes: AH, TEC, JC, CC, TS, AR*

*Nays: None*

**III. Action Items**

**a. Approval of Student Expulsion**

The expulsion hearing officer, Arlene Holtz moves to approve the expulsion of student #6592160, effective July 1, 2015. *Alejandro Roman seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

*Motion: Arlene Holtz*

*Second: Alejandro Roman*

*Ayes: AH, TEC, JC, CC, TS, AR*

*Nays: None*

**b. Approval of Staffing Report**

Alejandro Roman motions to approve the Staffing Report. *Carmen Cruz seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

*Motion: Alejandro Roman*

*Second: Carmen Cruz*

*Ayes: AH, TEC, JC, CC, TS, AR*

*Nays: None*

**c. Approval of Participation in Pew High School Study**

Arlene Holtz motions to approve Participation in the Pew High School Study. *Tara Smith seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

*Motion: Arlene Holz*  
*Ayes: AH, TEC, JC, CC, TS, AR*

*Second: Tara Smith*  
*Nays: None*

**d. Approval of AMAO Improvement Plan Progress Monitoring Tool**

Arlene Holtz motions to approve the AMAO Improvement Plan Progress Monitoring Tool. *Tara Smith seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

*Motion: Arlene Holz*  
*Ayes: AH, TEC, JC, CC, TS, AR*

*Second: Tara Smith*  
*Nays: None*

**e. Approval of 2015-16 Academy Calendar**

Alejandro Roman motions to approve the 2015-16 Academy Calendar. *Tara Smith seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

*Motion: Alejandro Roman*  
*Ayes: AH, TEC, JC, CC, TS, AR*

*Second: Tara Smith*  
*Nays: None*

**f. Approval of Reading Specialist Evaluation**

Arlene Holtz motions to approve the Reading Specialist Evaluation. *Tara Smith seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

*Motion: Arlene Holtz*  
*Ayes: AH, TEC, JC, CC, TS, AR*

*Second: Tara Smith*  
*Nays: None*

**g. Approval of Director of Student Data and Assessment Job Description**

Carmen Cruz motions to approve the Director of Student Data and Assessment Job Description. *Jenee Chizick seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

*Motion: Carmen Cruz*  
*Ayes: AH, TEC, JC, CC, TS, AR*

*Second: Jenee Chizick*  
*Nays: None*

**h. Approval of Credit Card Resolution**

Arlene Holtz motions to approve the school Credit Card. *Jenee Chizick seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

*Motion: Arlene Holtz*  
*Ayes: AH, TEC, JC, CC, TS, AR*

*Second: Jenee Chizick*  
*Nays: None*

**i. Approval of ERate Contract**

Ron Nordmeyer presents a proposal from Technology Managed Services, LLC in the total amount of \$306,963.78, and states the award of the contract will be contingent upon the approval of FY16 funding and the successful award of federal E-Rate program subsidies for Category Two services.

Tara Smith motions to approve the ERate Contract. *Arlene Holtz seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

*Motion: Tara Smtih*  
*Ayes: AH, TEC, JC, CC, TS, AR*

*Second: Jenee Chizick*  
*Nays: None*

**j. Approval of Parent Opt-Out of Standardized Testing Policy**

Arlene Holtz motions to approve the Parent Opt-Out of Standardized Testing Policy. *Alejandro Roman seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

*Motion: Arlene Holtz*  
*Ayes: AH, TEC, JC, CC, TS, AR*

*Second: Alejandro Roman*  
*Nays: None*

**IV. Oral Reports**

**a. Wrestling Program Update**

Ben Greer and Max Tanenbaum update the board on the current state of the wrestling program.

**b. Community Relations Report**

Tony Alvarez presents a slideshow of photographs from student activities.

**c. Achievement Report**

The elementary and middle school counselors, April Brauch and Dave Skowronski, present an overview of the counseling departments interventions, responsibilities and goals. Jana Somma presents the results the fourth benchmark test. Progress has been made, and the goals set would result in an SPP score of 70. Adrienne Davids presents an overview of DRA growth for students in first and second grade. Andrew Boglioli presents the student activities for the month. Allison Rodman presents the month's professional development opportunities.

**d. Enrollment and Attendance**

Angela Villani presents the enrollment and attendance. Enrollment is at 1,222, and year-to-date attendance is at 90.18%.

**e. Discipline**

Andrew Boglioli presents the discipline report. During the month of March, 1,189 out of 1,225 (97.1%) students remained in school and 36 out of 1,225 (2.9%) students were suspended for one or more days. During the month of March 398 (32.5%) of 1,225 students had perfect attendance, and we are currently averaging 124 latenesses per day; 1,101 students (89.9%) of our student body is arriving on time for school.

**f. Budget to Actuals**

Ron Nordmeyer gave the budget to actuals report during executive session.

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