

Mariana Bracetti Academy Charter School
Board of Trustees
December 3, 2014 – Meeting Minutes

Present: Arlene Holtz, Jenee Chizick (via phone), Jorge Santiago, Carmen Cruz, Alejandro Roman (via phone), Tara Smith (via phone)

Not Present: Tracy-Elizabeth Clay

I. Routine Business

a. Approval of 11/5/2014 Minutes

Carmen Cruz moves to approve the 11/5/2014 Minutes as presented. *Jorge Santiago seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Carmen Cruz

Second: Jorge Santiago

Ayes: AH, JC, JS, CC, AR, TS

Nays: None

II. Action Items

a. Approval of Student Expulsions

The hearing officer, Arlene Holtz, presents her recommendations for student expulsions.

Arlene Holtz moves to approve the expulsion of student 6906642. *Carmen Cruz seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Arlene Holtz

Second: Jorge Santiago

Ayes: AH, JC, JS, CC, AR, TS

Nays: None

b. Approval of Financial Audit by Citrin Cooperman

Arlene Holtz requests the auditors add a line in the financial highlights section of the audit stating that the school is required by bond holders to keep a restricted fund balance of \$2.4M.

Arlene Holtz moves to approve the Financial Audit with the requested revision. *Jorge Santiago seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Arlene Holtz

Second: Jorge Santiago

Ayes: AH, JC, JS, CC, AR, TS

Nays: None

c. Approval of Staffing Report

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

Motion: Arlene Holtz

Second: Jorge Santiago

Ayes: AH, JC, JS, CC, AR, TS

Nays: None

d. Ratification of Comprehensive Plan

Arlene Holtz moves to ratify the Comprehensive Plan. *Carmen Cruz seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Arlene Holtz

Second: Carmen Cruz

Ayes: AH, JC, JS, CC, AR, TS

Nays: None

e. Approval of Keystone Alliance for Public Charter Schools Membership

Arlene Holtz moves to approve the Keystone Alliance for Public Charter Schools Membership in the amount of \$12,500. *Jorge Santiago seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Arlene Holtz

Second: Jorge Santiago

Ayes: AH, JC, JS, CC, AR, TS

Nays: None

III. Oral Reports

a. Community Relations

Tony Alvarez presents the Community Relations report. Tony states the partnership with the Frankford Business Association is growing. The Joe Corbi's fundraiser made approximately \$350. Students are applying for the Temple POWER internship. Blood drives at the school will begin again.

b. Achievement Report

Jana Somma states that the benchmark analysis is not yet complete. Jana presents student activities for the month, including parent/teacher conferences, the upcoming gingerbread house family night, and the annual pajama day Pennies for Patients fundraiser. Jessica Kilmetz states that students were registered for the SATs and results should be in soon. The annual Boomerang Day, when former students return to speak to current students, will be held on December 19th. Jana Somma presents the month's professional development opportunities for teachers and administration.

c. Enrollment and Attendance

Angela Villani states that enrollment is currently at 1,262 and whole school attendance is at 92.2% year to date.

d. Discipline

Andrew Boglioli presents the discipline report. In November there were 54 suspensions, and 72 in-school suspensions. There are interventions in place in each academy to reduce both in and out of school suspensions, including one-on-one and parent meetings, as well as intervention groups. During the month of November 38.6% 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. The School District of Philadelphia is currently paying us based on previous year's average daily membership. Payments should switch to actuals soon. We were allocated to be \$200,000 revenue over expenses at this time, and we are currently \$260,000 to the good.

IV. Informational Items

None

V. Public Comment

None

VI. Adjournment

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