

Mariana Bracetti Academy Charter School
Board of Trustees
October 1, 2014 – Meeting Minutes

Present: Arlene Holtz, Tracy-Elizabeth Clay (via phone), Jenee Chizick (via phone), Jorge Santiago, Alejandro Roman (via phone), Tara Smith

Not Present: Carmen Cruz

- I. Board Commendation:** Reading Specialist Kristen Craig
The Board recognized Kristen Craig, MBA Reading Specialist, for her acceptance to the PASCD Emerging Leaders Program.

II. Routine Business

a. Approval of 9/3/2014 Minutes

Arlene Holtz moves to approve the 9/3/2014 Minutes as presented. *Tara Smith seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Arlene Holtz

Second: Tara Smith

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

Nays: None

III. Action Items

a. Approval of Staffing Report

Jorge Santiago moves to approve the Staffing Report. *Tara Smith seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Jorge Santiago

Second: Tara Smith

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

Nays: None

b. Approval of PSP Electric Cooperative Group

Jorge Santiago moves to approve the PSP Electric Cooperative Group. *Tara Smith seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Jorge Santiago

Second: Tara Smith

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

Nays: None

c. Approval of Student Matter (AP)

Arlene Holtz moves to approve Student Matter AP. *Jorge Santiago seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Arlene Holtz

Second: Jorge Santiago

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

Nays: None

d. Approval of TFA Invoice

Tracy-Elizabeth Clay recuses herself from discussion and voting on the TFA action item.

Tara Smith moves to approve the TFA Invoice. *Jorge Santiago seconds the motion, all vote in favor.*

Motion: Tara Smith

Second: Jorge Santiago

Ayes: AH, JC, JS, AR, TS

Nays: None

Abstain: Tracy-Elizabeth Clay

IV. Oral Reports

a. Community Relations

Tony Alvarez presents the Community Relations report. He presents updates on the partnership with the Frankford Business Professional Association, and a new MBA Parents Group. Professional African Dance Troupe, Kulu Melee, will perform for grades 7-8. Students participated in the annual Puerto Rican Day Parade. Students are participating in programs with the Philadelphia Wooden Boat Factory, POWER Internship, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Bevilaqua Center and the Lamda-Upsilon-Lamda Latin Fraternity at Penn. Upcoming events include the Joe Corbi's fundraiser and Family Pumpkin Carving Night.

b. Achievement Report

Allison Rodman presents the results of a survey regarding instructional staff professional development that took place at the beginning of the school year. Andrew Boglioli presents the student activities report, and gives updates about assemblies, college/field trips, the Bulldog Cup competition, and student recognition and leadership opportunities. Adrienne Davids presents elementary school reading data. Testing is complete for first and second grade, and kindergarten testing will be completed within the week. Students have been placed in tiered reading groups. Jana Somma presents the 2014 School Performance Profile data. The school's new score is 63.2, up from 58.6 in the previous year.

c. Enrollment and Attendance

Angela Villani presents the Enrollment and Attendance. Enrollment is currently 1,288 and attendance is 94.44%

d. Discipline

Andrew Boglioli presents the Discipline Report. In September there were 18 out of school suspensions and 31 in school suspensions.

e. Budget to Actuals

Ron Nordmeyer presents the Budget to Actuals. The financials presented are the first for the new year and show the PSERS loss which was \$861,000. The school received a Ready to Learn grant of \$104,000. The net loss in revenue equals

approximately \$774,000. The 13-14 projected surplus and a series of cuts were used to balance the loss. In the future, food service revenue will be removed from the budget to actuals and will be reported separately. The school may receive a PSERS payment from the previous year that was typically paid out in September. The budget currently shows the school at break even.

V. Informational Items

None

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. Adjournment

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