

Great Oaks Bridgeport Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2019
5:34 pm - 7:00 pm

Board Members Present: Susan Briggs, Edwin Farrow (via phone), Dexter Upshaw, Pamela Fraser-Abder, Corey Sneed, Albertha Brown

Board Members Absent: Michelle Garcia, Christiana Otuwa, Leticia Sepulveda

Foundation Members Present: Michael Duffy, Lauren Perkins, Ben Chan

GO-BPT Staff: Latoya Hubbard, John Scalice

Called to order at 5:34 pm by Susan Briggs

Facilities Update - (Michael Duffy)

- Michael Duffy advised the board and led a discussion as to three potential facility strategies in anticipation of a potential delay in the delivery of the new building
- The board also discussed strategies to cover the cost of a lease extension at Barnum, if needed.
- Michael Duffy and John Scalice gave the Board a brief explanation of the reduction in enrollment numbers based on funding changes and cuts from the State.
- John let the board know that this is happening to several schools across the city.
- Lauren Perkins informed the board that she is currently working on an iteration of the budget based on potential lower enrollment.
- Motion moved by Corey Sneed second by Albertha Brown passed unanimously, as follows: The Board of the Great Oaks Charter School of Bridgeport directs its Chair, Susan Briggs to execute a lease extension at 510 Barnum of up to 6 months for an amount not to exceed \$220,000.

Finance Committee Report (Corey Sneed & Lauren Perkins)

- Motion moved by Albertha Brown to approve DHL&S as the new auditors for Great Oaks Charter School of Bridgeport second by Dexter Upshaw passed unanimously.
- Lauren Perkins informed the board that the budget is stable as of April close.
- Lauren informed the board that we are working closely with ACS (IT vendor) so that no additional costs would be incurred that were not previously approved by the school.

Review of Minutes from March Meeting (Susan Briggs)

- April Minutes will be reviewed at the next board meeting in June.

Principal Report (John Scalice)

- John gave an update on the recent SBAC testing, and reported that there have been no technical issues with the exception of only one student who lost connection but was able to reconnect in 2 minutes.
- John advised the board that students are reorganized daily based on completion rates.
- John advised the board that students are trying to engage in the test more by taking additional time to complete the test.
- Average Daily Attendance is 93.5 John noted this will likely remain stable.
- Suspension rates have decreased by 50%.13% currently compared to 26% this time last year.
- John explained changes for next year as an implementation based on the corrective action plan.
- Two stipended positions have been created for the year that will have an ELA and Math teacher push into tutorial (grades 6-8) for 30 minutes per week per grade to report on curriculum implementation
- ELA and Math Curriculum documents have been redesigned to include specific tutorial components.
- John shared a spotlight on a visit from Congressman Himes and a Q&A with 10th grade students.

Governance Committee Report (Susan Briggs)

- Susan advised the board that we would sign the services agreement at our next board meeting.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Corey Sneed, second by Albertha Brown and passed unanimously