

Boston Renaissance Charter Public School

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 19, 2011

Minutes

Attendance: K. Saxon, T. Martin, L. Bligen, B. Holding, M. Leonard, M. Medley, A. Pless, H. Raymond, E. Rivera-Carrasco, K. Vander Laan

Absent: R. Harris, K. leong,

Staff and Guests Present: J. Burnett, P. Ciaramitaro, E. Lee-Jones, J. Nesgos, P. Oricchio, B.J. Turner

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

Minutes: November 19, 2010 minutes were approved by the Board.

A. Pless motioned to approve and Dr. Leonard second the motion.

Public Comment: No public comment presented.

Visual and Performing Arts Presentation: Ms. Lee-Jones, Director of Visual and Performing Arts gave a presentation on the Visual and Performing Arts program. Students are receiving piano lessons in the lab during the after school program. This year there will be a Youth Symposium on February 18th and the Black Kings will be central to the event. They will be a selection of Living Legends to honor at the event. The Young Kings have been invited to perform in April for Charles Ogletree and the Voices of Renaissance have been invited to perform at the COSEBOC conference in Philadelphia in April and for Wellesley College in May. The presentation was informative and well-received by all.

Committee Updates:

EXECUTIVE—K. Saxon

Ms. Saxon addressed the need to update the BRCPS By-laws, which are now antiquated.

The executive committee had two conference call meetings since November. J. Vogt assisted with the strategic plan. The committee hashed out the next steps to complete the strategic plan.

DEVELOPMENT—

K. Vander Laan provided a financial update on the Annual Appeal. She introduced P. Orrichio, newly hired Director of Development for the BRCPS. They met prior to the Board meeting and discussed plans for a Board fundraising event.

FINANCE—L. Bligen

The minutes of the last committee meeting were distributed and shared with all Board members in their meeting folders. Mr. Bligen provided an overview of the Income, Balance and Grant summary statements that were also provided to Board members in their meeting folders.

BUILDING – H. Raymond

The Building Committee update was provided in writing and reviewed by Board members. No major developments or issues were mentioned.

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION— M. Leonard

Minutes of the December and January committee meetings were provided to Board members. M. Leonard reviewed the assessment schedule for the Primary and Elementary Schools. Achievement Network is working with schools to help boost the outcomes. The Schools are poised to do better than last year on the MCAS. The Board Chair requested J. Burnett to present at the March meeting. She agreed.

HUMAN RESOURCES— M. Leonard

The committee met and discussed Superintendent's evaluation. She reported an overwhelming positive response from participants. J. Burnett and R. Harris provided additional data after the December meeting.

M. Leonard presented a motion to approve the Superintendent's performance bonus for the 2009-2010 school-year. M. Medley second the motion. Motion carried.

NOMINATION AND GOVERNANCE – R. Harris, K. Saxon

The committee minutes were provided to Board members in their meeting folders. Two new candidates will be interviewed before the next meeting.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Parent Involvement

The ad-hoc committee has not met.

PARENT ADVISORY BOARD— E. Carrasco, G. Martin

-G. Martin informed the Board that Y. Delosantos Renaissance parent is unable to serve on the Board and they are searching for another parent representative.

-The PAB fundraiser ended in December. They hoped to raise \$6,000. The overdue amount that some parents still have not paid will determine the total raised.

-A communication process was established with the leadership team at the school. A memo of concerns was presented and J. Burnett submitted a response.

-Mrs. Wilkerson was identified to serve as liaison to the technology department at the school. They are looking at ways to use technology and making the website readily available for means of communication amongst parents.

-Mrs. Fuller is volunteering at the front desk in the afternoons.

-The Ad Hoc committee needs to be stepped up to recruit for the Parent Involvement coordinator position.

-Developing a parent survey

-Karen Mapp – unable to schedule due to calendar conflicts.

SUPERINTENDENT'S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - R. Harris (J. Burnett represented)

J. Burnett reviewed and presented the Superintendent's Executive summary that was provided to Board members in their meeting folders, which included the Accountability Plan that was submitted to the DESE on January 3rd for approval.

-As a result of a Confucius Classroom grant and in recognition of our Chinese language and culture program, R. Harris, J. Xu and a student was invited to D.C. for an event with First Lady, Michelle Obama and the Chinese President Hu Jintao. The artwork of BRCPS students was selected to be presented to the president of China. The artwork will be posted on the website.

STRATEGIC PLAN- L. Bligen

The draft strategic plan was provided to all Board members. The plan addresses nine goals. The goals are being separated into three working groups: Student Success, Organizational Success and Growth of the School. Board members have been identified to work on specific groups:

Student Success: M. Leonard, T. Martin, B. Holding, A. Pless

Organization Success: K. Saxon, K. Jeong, M. Medley, L. Bligen

Growth of the School: R. Harris, K. Vander Laan, H. Raymond, E. Rivera-Carrasco

Each team is requested to organize a schedule time to talk with the school leadership team and parents, discuss the feedback and synthesize, review their goals and objectives to further define and clarify their goals with new ideas. Reports should be submitted by March 9th to P. Ciaramitaro and will be discussed at the March meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business other than what was presented from the various committees.

The Meeting Adjourned: 7:15 pm