

BENJAMIN BANNEKER CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2015

Meeting called to order at 5:00p.m.

Attendees: Darnell Thigpen Williams, James Becker, Sherley Bretous Carre' (Executive Director, ex-officio), Ivy Washington, Lin Tucker, Deborah Del Dotto, Lenora Jennings, Jean French, Anita Burke-Johnson and Russell Eckel. Jenepher Gooding, potential parent representative.

Visitors: Gloria Mylyk, school accountant.

Absent: Bruce Ward, and Dehlia Umunna.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Deborah Del Dotto motioned to approve the minutes for September, James Becker seconded the motion, all approved.

James Becker motioned to approve Jenepher Gooding as the new Parent Representative, Lenora Jennings seconded the motion, all approved.

Board Business:

Darnell Thigpen Williams is the Associate Director of the Department of Youth Services, his areas of expertise are in curriculum design, professional development, equity in social justice work, and cultural responsive teaching.

Deborah Del Dotto is the Associate Director of Special Education in Waltham Public Schools, her areas of expertise are in SPED, her experience includes Associate Director of DYS, and she has been a Principal and Vice-Principal.

Lenora Jennings is an Administrator, former Executive Director at BBCPS, former Vice-Principal for Cambridge Public schools, and is currently consulting at DESE.

Ivy Washington is currently the Deputy Director of Program Operations at Boston ABCD, Headstart and Children's services. Ivy's expertise is in non-profit management. Ivy also worked at the Rennie Center and is the current Treasurer of the Board.

Russell Eckel is currently the Director of Adult Education at Shawsheen Regional Technical High School. Russell is sociologist and economist by training, and has spent many years as a consultant.

Jimmy Becker has been the Board Chair and Treasurer in the past. He has worked mostly in the private sector at small information software companies and has also taught high school.

Lin Tucker has a background in elementary, science, and engineering. She was the Coordinator of Science here at the Banneker. She is currently a consultant for TERC and does online coaching for Harvard.

Jenepher Gooding works at the Cambridge Housing Authority. Her area of expertise is in public housing and administration. Jenepher has a child here at the Banneker in first grade.

Learning Walk Classroom Tours

The dates we have in mind for the tour are November 16th, 23rd, 30th, and December first. Lunch will be served after the tour in the conference room. The tours give Board members a chance to witness the exciting things that are happening in the school.

Budget 2015-2016

The auditors were very happy with their results. Alexander, Aronson, Finning and Co. is tough and for them to give us a clean audit every year is great news for us.

The auditors recommended that the school develop a long-term strategic plan, including operational goals, and budgets. The Board should review the school's progress against these goals on a regular basis to determine if the school is on track. The school has completed a three-year, long-term strategic plan and the Board is expected to approve this plan during fiscal year 2016.

Auditor's also found one check over \$5,000 that didn't have two signatures. According to the dual signature policy checks over \$5,000 dollars require a signature from the Executive Director and the Treasurer. Going forward the Treasurer won't sign any checks over \$5,000 without the Executive Director's signature already on them.

Jean French motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jimmy Becker seconded the motion, meeting adjourned at 5:58pm.

*** The Board Retreat will begin in the Vineyard Church @ 6:00pm. John Tarvin will be facilitating.**

