

**BENJAMIN BANNEKER CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
December 8, 2016

**Meeting called to order at 6:05p.m.**

**Attendees:** Darnell Thigpen Williams, Sherley Bretous Carre' (Executive Director, ex-officio), James Becker, Bruce Ward, Ivy Washington, Lin Tucker, Deborah Del Dotto, Jeneper Gooding, and Shane Buker.

**Visitors:** Jen Gordon, librarian, Charles Kellman, art teacher, Miyolene St. Germain, art teacher, Anesta Hicks, technology, and Sean Best, PE.

**Absent:** Charline Alexandre-Joseph, Dehlia Umunna, and Lenora Jennings.

**Public Comment:**

There were no public comments.

*Jimmy Becker motioned to approve the November minutes, Bruce Ward seconded the motion, all approved.*

**Board Business:**

- **Financials**

The forecast based on the past five months hasn't changed from what we saw last month. There were no changes in enrollment. So everything is pretty much the same with nothing major to report.

- **Compensation Study**

Last month Ivy Washington told the Board the names of the schools that the compensation study was going to include. Since then we gave them feedback about some of the suburban charter schools we didn't want included in the study because they were not comparable to us. Also, we asked them to include CCSC, Prospect Hill CS, Boston Renaissance CS. This is the last chance to give the compensation study any feedback we have because they would like to give us their results in January.

- **Policies and Procedures**

There are copies on the table for any members that would like to see the hard copy. On the policies and procedures the biggest changes were mostly formatting and some things changed about the procurement. The federal law has changed around when you have to bid things out. Nothing has changed around the Board's responsibilities in the policies.

*Jimmy Becker motioned to approve the Financial Policies and Procedures, Ivy Washington seconded the motion, all approved.*

- **Updated Board Goals 2016-2017**

The annual goals were updated and accepted. Shane Buker was added to the Finance Committee and Jeneper Gooding was added with Dehlia Umunna to monitor Board attendance at school events.

## **Executive Director's Report:**

- **School Update**

January 9<sup>th</sup> we start the MCAS after school.

The school started working on a marketing plan and we are looking to do a few things. There are bulletin boards along Mass Ave. that we are interested in for advertising, one is next to Bright Horizons.

Marketing is working on a new school package to present to prospective parents. Our focus is on Pre K and Kindergarten.

Cathedral High School has been asking Banneker to visit them for the past two years. The school only takes thirty students a year and they would like to recruit mostly Banneker students. They are a 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade school and there are currently 12 of our previous students attending Cathedral. Cathedral had nothing but rave reviews about our previous students and would like to build a relationship with our school. Ms. Bretous and a staff member has sat in on the seventh grade classrooms to get a sense of what they need students to know so she can help our teachers prepare. The school has done this with Prospect Hill, CCSC, Cathedral High, and Rindge & Latin so we have knowledge of what are sixth graders need to know when they leave us.

### **Specialists Presentation**

#### **ART**

Art is working on a 3D Dutch village with 6<sup>th</sup> grade and modeled a sustainable community with hydropower. They also studied Greek and Roman architecture and how the monuments in Washington DC are designed after them. 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be designing their yearbooks this year. Kindergarten is working on paper mache and watercolor.

#### **LIBRARY**

Library citizenship is important to students to learn how to use a library and library skills. Students learn how to find books and information. Ms. Gordon wants students to have literacy appreciation and a love for books. Ms. Gordon is involved with the Adventure Club.

#### **MUSIC**

Ms. Marino is the music teacher and she is also involved in the Adventure Club. Ms. Marino is great with the students and she always has them singing, playing instruments and dancing.

#### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Mr. Best likes to get students involved in lifelong activities. K-2 participates in activities that emphasize basic loco motor movements along with fine motor and gross motor development. 3-6 participates in more sport based skill development activities. Some of the sports are non traditional and emphasize cooperation and teamwork in the frameworks and goals.

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

Ms. Hicks is the technology and social studies teacher. K-2 had to learn what voting was and they got to vote for a school dessert. They voted for Oreo cookies. Grades 3-6 learned about the electoral college. Next year we will become a Google school.

*Deborah Del Dotto motioned to adjourn the meeting, Ivy Washington seconded the motion, all approved.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.