

BENJAMIN BANNEKER CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2017

Board “Meet and Greet the Parents” in the Cafeteria from 6:00pm-6:30pm

Meeting called to order at 6:30p.m.

Ivy Washington, Sherley Bretous (Executive Director, ex-officio), Deborah Del Dotto, Lin Tucker, Milton Masud, Janel Granum, Josiane Julmeus, and Michelle Crawford.

Visitors: Molander Etienne, Marie Louise St. Germain

Absent: Shane Buker, Jenepher Gooding, Charline Joseph Alexandre, and Dehlia Umunna.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Deborah Del Dotto motioned to approve the September minutes, Lin Tucker seconded the motion, all approved.

Board Business:

- **Financials**

The Financials continue to look good. There are a few minor changes. There is a change in the depreciation number because after you close out the previous year you get a better sense of what needs to be changed. The depreciation number will be slightly higher than you originally forecasted. The number went up in the dues and fees because of Mass Charter School Association. The dues are expensive for MCSA but we get a lot out of the partnership with them.

In the forecasted budget for Cambridge enrollment we have 155 students but actually the school has 168 Cambridge students enrolled so that increases the budget.

- **Board Goals**

There were a few updates. The Board has already completed a compensation study last year so that will no longer be a goal. The Board contribution goal is in two places so it is only listed once now under Governance Committee. There was a small edit in the years in the budget under Finance Committee goals. Michelle Crawford has agreed to join the Governance Committee. Josiane Julmeus has agreed to join the Finance Committee and Janel Granum wants to join the Human Resource Committee.

Deborah Del Dotto motioned to approved the Board Goals for 2017-18, Michelle Crawford seconded the motion, all approved.

Executive Director’s Report:

- **School Update**

Board members have signed up for a Walking Tour of the school. In January or February, we would like to extend a one of the meetings from 5:30-8:30pm.

The school had a parent come in last month to a Board meeting, and she had a complaint about how her son was asked to groom his hair. Ms. Lucey then called her and told her about the process in which how the Board handles a complaint. The Board acknowledged her visit and took her complaint seriously. The resolution was for Ms. Bretous to review the dress code policy and make updates if necessary. The parent seemed happy about the outcome and things have been quiet.

- **Presentation**

Background on the new MCAS “Next Generation”. In November, we will have an in-depth presentation. They are calling the old MCAS test MCAS legacy. The grades in MA are tested for MCAS in grades 3-10. The new achievement levels are “exceeding expectations”, “meeting expectations”, “partially meeting expectations” and “not meeting expectations”. There is a change in the rigor. The tests that are students took last year was more difficult than any other MCAS test. About half of the student’s state wide did not meet expectations. In ELA Banneker students outperformed the state. In Math Banneker students outperformed the state. Overall Banneker school results, ELA meeting or Exceeding Expectations 73%, Math, Meeting or Exceeding Expectations 65%, Science, Meeting or Exceeding Expectation 65%.

Josianne Julmeus motioned to adjourn the meeting, Deborah Del Dotto seconded the motion, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.