

BENJAMIN BANNEKER CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2018

Tonight is the Board Meet and Greet the parents in the cafeteria.

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Ivy Washington, Sherley Bretous (Executive Director, ex-officio), Deborah Del Dotto, Charline Alexandre-Joseph, Jenepher Gooding, Janel Granum, Josiane Julmeus, and Michelle Crawford.

Visitors: No Visitors

Absent: Shane Buker, Dehlia Umunna, Lin Tucker and Cynthia Marie.

Public Comment:

No public comments.

Deb Del Dotto motioned to approve the May minutes with a few minor corrections, Janel Granum seconded the motion, all approved.

Board Business:

- **Financials**

Last year ended with the surplus coming in a little higher than expected. Also, we would like to remind the school that there is a cap on the amount of excess funding that you can have, it's high, but we have a surplus every year. The Board can designate that money for some purpose, and then that money won't be part of the cap. The auditors will be presenting the audit to the Finance Committee next month. Right now we have 183 Cambridge students attending the Banneker, and that is eight students over the 175 we had budgeted for.

- **Set Board Goals 18-19**

A new goal for the whole Board will be to ensure that every Board member does their self-assessment. A thought is to have the Board do it at the May meeting on a tablet, and then we would know who didn't complete the survey. The whole Board should attend the STEAMS Expo, and do a retreat around STEAM.

Jenepher Gooding motioned to approve the Board goals for school year 2018-19, Josiane Julmeus seconded the motion all approved.

- **DESE Forms**

The financial disclosure has to be done yearly before September first of the school year. Conflict of Interest training and acknowledgement within 30 days of becoming a member and every two years after that. Trustees must certify receipt of The Open Meeting Law materials within two weeks of becoming a member.

- **Governance Committee**

Ivy Washington has stepped down from the Board after accepting a new position with Cambridge Public Schools in the finance department. Tonight will be Ivy's last night as Board Chair. Deb Dotto has offered to become the new chair. Charline Joseph-Alexander has volunteered to join the Human Resource Committee.

- **School Donations**

Board members have the option to use Donor's Choice for their donation to the school this year. Ms. Bretous will let the Board know when the teachers need anything, and they will have the option to donate to the teachers, or another fund at the school. You can donate to the Washington DC trip or the Holiday fund, and if you can't decide the school will use it where it is needed. Members have a choice on the amount of money they donate, any amount is acceptable.

Executive Director's Report:

- **School Update**

DESE is visiting the school on December 6th and sometimes they require a few of the Board members to come and speak with them about the school.

The Commissioner of Education is coming to visit the school on October 16th and he has a special announcement for the school that he would like to keep secret until the day of his visit.

Ms. Bretous is being honored for Administrator of the year from MassCUE on Friday, October 19th.

It is exciting for us because this is the first time in twenty years that a charter school will be acknowledged.

Deb Del Dotto motioned to adjourn the meeting, Josiane Julmeus seconded the motion, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.