

BENJAMIN BANNEKER CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Held in the Ogletree Library at BBCPS
April 25, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm.

Sherley Bretous (Executive Director, ex-officio), Deborah Del Dotto, Shane Buker, Lin Tucker, Charline Alexandre-Joseph, Jenepher Gooding, Janel Granum, and Michelle Crawford,

Visitors: Jared Perrine, Director of Innovation, Technology and Digital Learning.

Absent: Dehlia Umunna, and Josiane Julmeus.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Charline Alexandre-Joseph motioned to approve the March minutes, Michelle Crawford seconded the motion, all approved.

Board Business:

- **Financials**

There are not many changes from last month. There are five additional students higher tuition rates. The school is still looking for a new nurse. Health insurance rates are trending below budget. There will be additional capital expenditures.

- **Budget**

The new tuition rates came out today and they are way up so the budget for 2019-20 is conservative. The new rate for a Cambridge student is \$29, 870.00 per student, Boston is \$18, 226.00 per student. If these rates hold we will have an extra \$400,000 in the budget, Historically the rates will go up or down by 1% during the school year. Right now we have budgeted for 185 Cambridge students and that is being conservative. The Charter School Association fees go up everytime the tuition rates go up.

The church is proposing a 4% increase for rent every year going forward and we will try to negotiate that down. The school will be doing major renovations to the school building and that should help in negotiations. There will be a meeting on Friday, May 3rd to discuss our lease with the church.

This budget purposes a 4% increase to staff off the scale and a 1% increase to staff on the scale.

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

- **Change May Meeting Date 5/23- Last for the year**

Deborah Del Dotto motioned to approve the new Board Meeting date for May 23rd, Shane Buker seconded the motion, all approved.

- **Next Month Vote Board Meeting Date**

Next years Board Meeting Dates will be emailed out for confirmation, and approved at the final Board Meeting in May.

- **Next Month Vote Change in Bylaws**

A small change in the number of Board members required at a meeting.

Executive Director's Report:

- **School Update**

MCAS begins next Tuesday so please send all positive thoughts our way. The K-2 Show is tonight and the theme is the solar system.

Banneker has won the Pozen Award, the award is given to the most innovative charter school and they donate \$80,000 dollars to the school unrestricted so we can spend any way we want. The school would like to pay scholarships for 5-6 students to go to summer camp in grades 3-6.

Also, we are looking into taking a group of teachers to go to Guatemala to study STEM schools there on (February break).

- **Technology Presentation**

Technology and Digital Literacy: focus has been on digital citizenship and Ms. Hicks has been teaching Coding/Robotics. The student to computer ratio is approaching 1:1, we have 433 devices and 79% are mobile devices.

The school has 350 students and 325 students are using devices.

Digital learning Studio- redefining how students work with robotics and coding and we are hoping to expand on this in the future. Technology has been focused on active use computing and dissemination, sharing what we do here with others.

The infographic came from a national Ed Tech Plan for future ready schools.

MassCUE- Banneker students were invited and they did a great job sharing their experiences in technology on minecraft and community building.

The digital learning studio is complete and a shared production space. You can write on all the walls and we have a magnetic lego wall that students can pull legos plates off and build at their desk or on the wall. There are desks that can roll around or be pushed out of the way. There are 3D printers in there and also robots making this a place where students can go to make things.

Alternative PD models: breakoutEDU, Twitter Chat, and Edcamp.

Safety & centralization- Bark is a free program that scans emails, and google docs in the school looking for any bullying, violence, self harm, or inappropriate words. These are things that are flagged and we get alerts when they are detected. It is a great security system to help red flag the things that are housed on our google domain.

Coming soon-

Classlink: we signed up for this year it is a single sign on, the benefit for this is you only have to remember one password.

Data warehousing: EDIS- that keeps data analytics, benchmarks, assessment, and attendance. The school is going to try this for a year to see how it works. There is no assessment on this program yet, and we want to see if this is a program we want to use and build on.

The school will be taking online payments now.

Shane Buker motioned to adjourn the meeting, Deb Del Dotto seconded the motion, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.