

BENJAMIN BANNEKER CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Held Remotely on Google Meet

December 10, 2020

Meeting is being held remotely due to the Coronavirus Epidemic

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

Sherley Bretous (Executive Director, ex-officio), Deborah Del Dotto, Shane Buker, Lin Tucker, Jenefer Gooding, Janel Granum, and Josianne Julmeus.

Visitors: N/A

Absent: Tirsit Habetariam

Public Comment: N/A

Shane Buker motioned to approve the minutes for November, LinTucker seconded the motion, all approved.

Board Business:

Financials N/A

Gift Cards- approved in november purchased in December

Gift giving program is a little different this year since covid has changed things, and how we are giving to the community. We still partner with a program to do a clothing drive, sock drive and etc. We also were able to determine which families may need assistance and using our points we were able to send home gift cards to those families.

- Board Member Survey: All surveys should be completed so we know what we need to work on. So we can come back to review what may need improvements.
- Forward survey and survey results with board regarding family feedback (on how the year is going)
- Board requests: a drop box or google drive share of some sort where board members can easily access minutes, agendas, and documents. (will discuss with M.Burns, Perrine)
- CC DESE report to the Board so they may have a copy
- If we can check on our goals every month (so that we are making/meeting all our goals)
- Consultant suggested we do a retreat of some sort regarding board responsibilities and expectations
- New Board member attendance (check in)
- Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain (Banneker PD Materials)
https://www.amazon.com/Culturally-Responsive-Teaching-Brain-Linguistically/dp/1483308014/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=cultural+responsive&qid=1607718895&sr=8-2

Executive Director's Report:

- **School Update**

We started at 30% and now in December we are at 65% still at the hybrid model, and 25% full remote.

We do have some students who are attending full time because remote is just not working for them. Our Thursdays are half days for our remote staff and students during the alternating weeks. Doing this we have provided a time for staff to plan, and meet. We have also been able to keep the school safe. We decided that after our holiday vacation we will have all students fully remote for the first 3 days of the week. It worked very well for Thanksgiving and we will be repeating the same protocol for the holiday break. It helps the family determine if students have symptoms so they may quarantine them immediately.

Special needs students are on the lists for priority when asking students to come in for the hybrid model. We have been very accommodating and considering bringing special needs students and in doing this we need to evaluate space in the classroom, transportation and the possibility of siblings coming in as well. Because of the size of our community we have had such great success.

Flu shot- if parents are going to opt out we are going to speak to specific parents regarding probably transitioning to remote if that's the case. As of right now we have the mandate for both staff and students the exemptions will be considered. As of right now we have not had many issues and push back as of right now.

Banneker is working on doing the Flu vaccine here at the banneker, As of right now our staff is being tested twice a week. As soon as we get word about the vaccine we will send the information out.

We are in talks about February vacation and altering it so that we can get out of school a little earlier. Potentially not having february break, making it full remote or altering the days.

MCAS- We have volunteered to take the mock MCAS test for 3-6 grade. Tests will be available for both remote and hybrid students we are still working with DESE. We would love to dissect that data when it comes back it may benefit our community to really see if our remote learning is effective.

Business manager update- we are still working with Amy & Alexander. We've been meeting regularly along with Gloria to really figure out who will be a great fit for the Banneker.

Our New Parent pick-up arrangement has been such great success. We would love to keep it.

January we will have a presentation, regarding SEL learning

We will share our Music Talent Show since we were unable to have our yearly winter christmas assembly.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.