

**CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR ARCHITECTURE
ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2016
Time: 6:00 pm
Location 383 Brook Avenue , Bronx, NY 10454

MINUTES

1. Welcome/Role Call

Present were Carlo Schiattarella, Irma Zardoya, Robert Burton, Andrew McLaughlin, Patricia Martin, Alberto Villaman

Counsel: Flora Edwards, Esq.
Principal: Charles Gallo
Guest: Elena Rovalino (Lead-On)
Douglas Solomon, Esq., (Genova Burns)

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Andrew McLaughlin and seconded by Robert Burton to approve the minutes of January 12, 2016.

3. Principal's Report

- a. Enrollment 404 students. There are 81 students on the wait list which is well within budget expectation
- b. Attendance is 92.1% .
- c. Saturday was first open house with 65 parents. The next open house is scheduled for February 27, 2016
- d. Two students won the ABENY Award for Black History Month Essay Contest
- e. Working with Building Technology Solutions for recapture of E-Rate proceeds,
- f. Upcoming Teacher Fair on February 27

- g. A review of the Regents examinations results was distributed for review . Data is being analyzed and specific strategies to improve pass rates in targeted areas are being developed.
- h. Open House is scheduled for February 28, 2016.

4. Academic Committee

- a. The Committee reviewed the renewal report issued by the Department of Education. A follow-meeting regarding renewal will be scheduled.
- b. Data comparing the school’s performance in various areas was distributed.
 - i. AECI graduation rates exceeded the NYC rate in all categories
 - ii. Regents Pass Rates exceed the City average in English, Integrated Algebra, Global History, Earth Science
 - iii. Regents Pass Rates below the City average are Living Environment, US History, Common Core Algebra, Common Core English
 - iv. Regents Pass Rates consistent with the City average were Algebra 2 and Trigonometry, Common Core Geometry

It was noted that included in the Citywide average are selective high schools such as Stuyvesant, Bronx Science, Brooklyn Tech, etc.

- c. AECI added a Creative Writing and Race Reading Course for Juniors and Seniors and that the courses are received very well and students are engaged. Human Rights War and Conflict was added to the curriculum.

5. Finance Committee

The committee reviewed the budget, and reported that targets are being met

6. Facilities

The Committee met and reviewed the feedback from the surveys. The feedback will be I incorporated into the alternative space program for the master plan. Another survey is being distributed to teachers and administration. The architects will visit the site to review current use of space in light of present and future needs.

- 7. Moved by Robert Burton and Alberto Villaman seconded at 7:40 pm to go into Executive Session. Approved unanimously

7. Moved by Alberto Villaman and Robert Burton to return to the record at 9:25 pm.
8. The chair appointed the following Board members to serve on a Personnel Committee:

Carlo Schiattarella
Andrew McLaughlin
Robert Burton

with Douglas Solomon and Flora Edwards, Esqs.

9. **Adjournment**

Moved by Irma Zardoya seconded by Andrew McLaughlin to adjourn 9:30pm