

**AECI CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK
838 BROOK AVENUE
BRONX, NEW YORK**

MEETING OF THE BOARD

Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: VIA REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE

1. Welcome Role Call: Present were Carlo Schiattarella, Irma Zardoya, Shameeka González, Paul Comrie, Robert Burton

CEO: Derick Spaulding
Principal AECI I: Colin Healy
Principal AECI II: Dr. Charles Gallo
Counsel: Flora Edwards, Esq
Guests: Josh Moreau, BoostEd
Peter Bachmann, JCJ Architecture
George Chin, JCJ Architecture

2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of February 9, 2021

Moved by Roberr Burton seconded by Irma Zardoya to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 9, 2021. Approved unanimously.

3. Moved by Robert Burton seconded by Paul Comrie at 6:21pm to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate. Approved unanimously

Moved by Robert Burton seconded by Irma Zardoya at 7:46pm to return to the record. Approved unanimously.

4. Principal's Report - AECI I

- a. There are 468 students enrolled which includes 119 freshmen. Attendance is at 94.3%. There are 320 applications for the coming year.

- b. Reopening Plan & COVID Update

- i. Targeted Campaign
- ii Family Expectation Meeting

- iii. COVID Testing
 - c. Instructional
 - i. 88% of students are on track for graduation.
 - ii. co-teaching
 - iii Saturday Academy
 - iv. Remediation Plan
 - v. Regents Update
 - d. Events
 - i. Alumni Panel for Juniors and Seniors
 - ii. Upcoming SAT Day - April 12, 2021 (in-person)
 - iii. Senior Events
- 5. Principal's Report - AECI II
 - a. There are 215 students currently enrolled with 400 applications for the fall term. Virtual Open House tours continued this month. The February 6th Open House event brought 15 parents into the school for a tour. Open House tours continue both online and in person by appointment only through April 9th,
 - b. COVID Reopening
 - i. Parent surveys were sent out the last weeks of February for their choice of either Blended or Remote learning for their child. Grade 9 has 52 students in Blended and 57 in Remote learning and Grade 10 has 57 in Blended and 49 in Remote learning.
 - ii. Reopening plan reminder letters went out to all parents reminding them of our reopening date of March 15.
 - iii. All necessary arrangements for bussing and food services have been scheduled and parents notified.
 - iv. AECI2 staff are continuing vaccinations as many are getting their second shot this week.
 - v. Facility is ready for reopening. Classrooms have all desks and chairs at 6 feet apart with sneeze guards on every student desk, hand sanitizer and Lysol wipes.
 - c. Student Progress Reports will be mailed home this week as it was the end of the 3rd quarter. The school's pass rate is 80% which is the same as it was on February 2nd
 - d. Parent Teacher conferences will be held virtually online from 2-4:00 and from 6-8:00

p.m. on Thursday March 18. Conferences will be the same as last semester via Zoom

- e. Daily attendance was 91 % for the month of February. This is a 0.9% decrease as compared with last February 2020.
- f. All home visits for excessively absent students were completed. Parents had various issues at home and most agreed to supervise their child to log on and attend class. Parents were strongly advised to send their child back to the building rather than remain at home on full remote.
- g. AECI2 held its second student award ceremony on February 23 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. The ceremony honored academic achievement and core value awards. There were 90 parents, students, and faculty who attended the event.
- h. An online course in Computing for College and Careers will be offered to all 10th grade students beginning next week through Edmentum online platform. A teacher will be available once a week to assist students as needed.
- i. Facilities

The Certificate of Occupancy and Assembly Permit are still pending. Internet and telephone service on the first floor have not been resolved despite assurances from the landlord that the problems would be addressed.
- j. Grants and Funding
 - i. Dollar General Literacy Grant has been submitted for a summer reading program. If approved, the funds will provide instruction in literacy skills for up to 20 ninth and tenth grade students for up to 8 weeks.
 - ii. Open Funding Opportunity Grant to provide programs to support Black, Latino, and low-income students to build literacy skills.

6. Facilities Committee

The Committee met on March 8., 2021. The preliminary schematic design for the new facility was disseminated and reviewed by the Committee. The concept blocking was reviewed and suggestions for modification were made. The next schematic design will be circulated and reviewed by the Board.

7. Academic Committee Report

The Committee met on March 8, 2021 and reviewed the key design elements. The principals will work on completing a draft for the April Academic Committee meeting. The principals met with teachers to discuss the collaborative work between the two schools to develop a draft end of year common assessment in social studies.

Draft CEO leadership standards have been developed and an evaluation rubric is currently being designed. The goal is to eventually include these and the principal leadership standards and evaluation rubric in the charter. .

8. Finance Committee

i. Meetings were held with AECI I and AECI II to refine budget projections for the current year and to inform budget planning for the 2021-22 year. As funding parameters become more clear, the Committee will consider various approaches to compensation for both instructional and non-instructional personnel and funding for training for non instructional personnel as well as facility financing requirements.

ii. BoostEd Contract Extension

Moved by Irma Zardoya seconded by Paul Comrie to extend the BoostEd contract for the provision of financial support services for AECI I and II through June 30, 2022 at a combined cost of \$230,463. Approved Unanimously

9. New Business

a. Architect's Contract - Addition to Scope of Work

Moved by Irma Zardoya seconded by Paul Comrie to authorize an increase in the JCJ Contract for Architectural Services by \$17,100 for the following services: a site Feasibility Study for \$9,600 and the services of a vertical transportation consultant for \$7,500. Approved unanimously.

10. Moved by Robert Burton seconded by Irma Zardoya to adjourn at 9:07pm. Approved unanimously.