

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

MEETING OF THE BOARD

Date: Tuesday, May 11, 2021
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: VIA REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE

1. Welcome Role Call: Present were Carlo Schiattarella, Irma Zardoya, Alberto Villaman, Ricardo Cosme Ruiz, Paul Comrie

CEO: Derick Spaulding
Principal AECI I: Colin Healy
Principal AECI II: Dr. Charles Gallo
Counsel: Flora Edwards, Esq
Guests: Josh Moreau, BoostEd

2. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting of April 13, 2021

Moved by Paul Comrie seconded Irma Zardoya to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2021. Approved unanimously.

3. Principal's Report - AECI I

- a. There are 468 students enrolled which includes 119 freshmen. Attendance is at 92.5%. There are 130 Freshman Registered. There are no openings at this time for grades 10-12.

- b. 94% of our students are on track for graduation.

- c. In-Person Learning Progress

There is an average of 134 students in the building each day which is an increase over last month's attendance of 108 students.

- c. Quarter 3 Extension Progress = students will be required to apply to extend the 3rd Quarter deadline and will be required to work with their teacher to make up the work. Only one class can be made-up at a time.

- d. SAT Results - Of 120 students - 90 students sat for the exam. SAT Results show a 924 average which is the same as last year. A summer SAT program is planned for the summer.

- e. Planning has started for summer school. The plans are to combine trips with summer classes and assignments in two-week sessions.
 - f. Events
 - I. Club/Trips - Senior trip Dorney Park, New Jersey. To be eligible for the trip Senior must be on track for graduation.
 - ii. Prom -
 - iii. Senior Trip
 - iv. Graduation - Graduation scheduled for June 25, 2021 at the closing. We will be closing the block off to accommodate guests and students. The rain date is June 26th.
 - g. The proposed school calendar was reviewed.
- 4.. Principal's Report - AECI II
- a. There are 213 students currently enrolled. The lottery was drawn on April 16 live. The student recruitment program resulted in 582 Applications received after the lottery will be added to the wait list. There are 110 9th grade students who are currently either in process or fully registered
 - b. Attendance is at 94%.
 - c. Academics
 - I. The 3rd Quarter ended on April 16 and report cards were mailed on April 19 with letters in English and Spanish explaining the grades. Requirements and the blended learning platform.
 - ii. Progress to Graduation reports indicate that 85% of ninth grade students are on track to graduate (passing all classes) and 81% of tenth grade students are on track to graduate (passing all classes) .
 - iii. Saturday Academy began on May 1 for students who failed in January and would not receive credit.
 - iv. Students are currently taking online courses by Edmentum in English, Algebra 1, Global History, Living Environment, and Geometry. Teachers and administration are available online to assist students with any assistance

they need regarding course content or login issues. Progress is monitored and counselors are online to call the homes of students who are not logging in.

- v. Mock (practice) regents exams are scheduled for the week of May 17 and the Mock Regents examinations will be administered on May 18-20. Advance notice will be sent to parents this week. The examination will be scored by faculty and the data will be used to focus on student strengths and weaknesses.

d. Grants and Funding

The Dollar General Summer Reading Grant has been submitted for review. Decisions are anticipated on May 13, 2021.

6. Academic Committee

The Committee met on May 11, 2021. The following topics were addressed:

- a. The Committee discussed the draft of the KDE's for the network as it each school and reviewed the implementation of each KDE in each school as presented by the Principals. The benefits of including the KDE's in each school's literature and website was considered. In addition, the implication of the workshop model and its components was discussed as well the implications for use with ELL students as applied to content language development.
- b. The progress of the collaborative new social studies assessment as administered in both schools was discussed.
- c. The administration of Regents exams and our communication with parents and students was reviewed.

7. Finance Committee

A Meeting was held on May 10, 2021 to review the budget projections for 2021-22. A budget for the 2021-22 academic year will be presented to the Board for approval at its June meeting.

8. Facilities Committee

The Committee met on May 3, 2021 to review the status of due diligence for the new facility and to discuss future interim space requirements.

9. Moved by Alberto Villaman and seconded by Irma Zardoya at 7:40pm to go into executive session to discuss contracts and real estate.

Moved by Irma Zardoya seconded by Ricardo Cosme Ruiz at 8:42pm to return to the record

10. New Business

a. St Peters & St. Paul's Lease

Moved Irma Zardoya and seconded by Alberto Villaman to authorize the Chair of the Board to enter into a lease with the Archdiocese of NY for a three year term commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 for the entire premises at 838 Brook Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$569,360 for the period July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022; \$580,747 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 ; and \$592,362 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, subject to approval of counsel. Approved unanimously.

b. Food Service Administration

WHEREAS, proper nutrition is essential to the continued academic achievement of students, and

WHEREAS, AECI Charter School Network is committed to providing healthy, appetizing lunches for our students; and

WHEREAS, in order to have the flexibility and control required to provide our students with an improved lunchtime experience, AECI will be required to become an authorized School Food Authority and comply with all SED requirements for the administration of a food service program;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT

The chair of the board be authorized to enter in a contract, subject to counsel approval, for the engagement of School Food Solutions to provide ((I) start-up services which include preparation of the School Food authority application to the NYSED and assistance and guidance in vendor selection and conduct compliant small purchase/micro-purchase procurement process for Point of Sale; (ii) development of the Type II IFB specifications that best annual set-up; (iii) assist in

the preparation of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) application as set forth in the School Food Solutions proposal dated April 28, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.

Moved by Irma Zardoya seconded by Ricardo Cosme Ruiz. Approved unanimously.

c. 2021-22 School Calendar

Moved by Irma Zardoya seconded by Ricardo Cosme Ruiz as amended, to approve the calendar for the 2021-22 school year. Approved unanimously.

d. Board Retreat

A Board Retreat regarding the vision and the plan for the future of the Network is tentatively scheduled for July 31, 2021. An agenda will be presented for discussion at the next board meeting.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Irma Zardoya seconded by Ricardo Cosme Ruiz to adjourn at 8:52pm. Approved unanimously.