

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

**MEETING**

Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2023  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Location: 116 E. 169th Street  
Bronx, New York

1. Welcome Role Call: Present were Carlo Schiattarella, Irma Zardoya, Paul Comrie, Gregory Kimble, Alberto Villaman, Robert Burton, Shameeka Gonzalez, Ricardo Cosme Ruiz

CEO:	Derick Spaulding
Principal AECI I:	Colin Healy
Principal AECI II:	Santiago Taveras
BoostEd:	Joshua Moreau
Counsel:	Flora Edwards, Esq. Hector Rodriguez, Director of Operations Christopher Mastrocola - Assistant Principal - AECI I Avil Guzman - Director of Student Life AECI II

2. Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2022

Moved by Robert Burton and seconded by Paul Comrie to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on December 13, 2022. Approved unanimously.

3. CEO Report

- a. The internal Network leadership development, “Leadership in Design,” has been finalized. The first meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2023.
- b. Network standards for counselors and deans have been finalized. Meetings have been scheduled with counseling teams at both schools to review standards and to implement new review system
- c. A process to update revisions to charters to incorporate a middle school for each school and renew our charters is under way. A Committee has been established to include strategic stakeholders from within the Network of schools and key partners.

- d. Work continues with the Finance Committee to revise and streamline the Network approach to school budgets and the role of the Finance Committee.
  - e. Goals for the coming year include (1) renewal / expansion, (2) securing a building for our schools. (3) deeper levels of coaching for school leaders (4) leadership pipeline development.
  - d. The State Report was received announcing that both AECI I and AECI II are in good standing in meeting NYS criteria. The Board offered its congratulations to Derick Spaulding and the entire staff.
4. Principal's Report - AECI I
- a. Enrollment is at 444 Students including 107 freshmen. Attendance for the month of December was 86.98%.
  - b. The number of suspensions and daily incidents are either at multi-year lows or all time lows.
  - c. Efforts continue to address the issues of attendance, latenesses, and early leaves despite various initiatives designed to address attendance issues
  - d. The focus on development of the school culture initiative to improve the relationship between students and students and teachers continues. Planned initiatives include:
    - i. Creating of a role for adult and peer mediators to facilitate resolution of student conflicts.
    - ii. Development of a program of conflict resolution training for staff and students
    - iii. Engagement of National Honor Society and the Student Council to work directly with teachers to create initiatives to engage each grade level.
    - iv. Implementation of a poster campaign
  - e. The School celebrated Teacher Appreciation Poetry Night on December 14<sup>th</sup> for which Students crafted poems, framed them, and read them to their favourite staff member.
  - f. The Student Council led the Gingerbread Social on December 20<sup>th</sup>
  - g. The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held on December 15<sup>th</sup>
  - h. The Winter Wonderland Celebration was held on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

5. Principal's Report - AECI II
  - a. There are 416 Students enrolled, distributed as follows:
    - i. 125 students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade
    - ii. 111 students in 10<sup>th</sup> grade
    - iii. 83 students in 11<sup>th</sup> grade
    - iv. 97 students in 12<sup>th</sup> grade
  - b. Attendance is at 82.54% for December.
  - c. 4 Teachers and 5 students tested positive for COVID
  - d. School Events included:
    - i. The Winter Dance on December 16 2022
    - ii. The Toy Giveaway on December 21, 2022.
    - iii. The Staff Dinner on December 23, 2022
  - e. Annual cultural events include I Commit Day, Toy Drive, Friday Professional Development Time, Common Planning Time, which help build collaboration from all community stakeholders.
  - f. Meetings are on-going with teachers in order to address issues of lateness and absences
  - g. The school wide focus for the year is to ensure that every teacher is lesson planning for students by focusing on bell-to-bell instruction which includes:
    - i. Professional development sessions around bell-to-bell instruction during the summer
    - ii. Weekly meetings between coaches and content teams to reinforce these skills while looking at data to monitor student progress.
    - iii. Weekly meetings with common core teachers during common planning time to discuss student performance and make instructional adjustments based on academic data, behavioral data, and anecdotal observations.

6. Academic Affairs Committee Report

The Committee discussed the following:

The Committee continued the conversation regarding the expanding the summer program to provide enrichment opportunities

The Committee also discussed the bridge class experience for students entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade

The development of common core curriculum and the development of common core assessments for non regents classes

7. Finance Committee Report

a. The Committee met on January 7 to discuss

Review the CEI application for the renewal and amendment process

Focused on the Committee's role in conducting a review of expenditures and budget

8. Facilities Committee

The Committee met on January 10<sup>th</sup>, to review various options to meet additional space requirements

9. New Business

A. Charter Renewal Application Services

WHEREAS, AECI 1 and AECI 2 charter term is expiring in June of 2024 and 2025 and

WHEREAS, AECI 1 and AECI 2 require creation of an Application for Charter Renewal and Charter Amendment to expand its offerings to include Middle Schools and

WHEREAS, assistance in development of the Application for Charter Renewal and Amendment is required,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Chief Executive Officer be authorized to enter into an Agreement with the Center for Educational Innovation to create an Application for Charter Renewal and Charter and to provide on-site support in preparation for NYSED's Renewal Site Visit at a cost not to exceed \$57,500.

Moved by Shameea Gonzalez Seconded by Robert Burton Unanimously Approved.

9. Executive Session

Moved by Irma Zardoya seconded by Robert Burton at 7 30 pm to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate and personnel. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Alberto Villaman seconded by Paul Comrie at 8:00pm to return to the record. Approved unanimously.

10. Moved by Gregory Kimble seconded by Alberto Villaman at 8pm to adjourn. Approved unanimously