

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

MEETING

Date: Thursday April 20, 2023
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: via Zoom

1. Welcome Role Call: Present were Irma Zardoya, Paul Comrie, Shameeka Gonzalez, Alberto Villaman, Gregory Kimble

CEO:	Derick Spaulding
Principal AECI I:	Colin Healy
Principal AECI II:	Santiago Taveras
Counsel:	Flora Edwards, Esq.
BoostEd:	Joshua Moreau
	Hector Rodriguez, Director of Operations

2. Approval of Minutes of March 14, 2023

Moved by Gregory Kimble and seconded by Paul Comri to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on March 14, 2023. Approved unanimously.

3. CEO Report

- a. The Network received a Grant to provide additional funding for a summer school program for incoming ninth grade students. The grant is designed to provide an enhanced learning experience for incoming students.
- b. Work continues on the next phase of renewal/expansion of the Network continues focusing on financial planning for the expansion of the Network to embrace additional schools.
- c. Work continues with law enforcement to address the recent string of break-ins and robberies in the local neighborhoods which is also affecting our schools.
- d. The second phase of the leadership development program has begun with representation from both schools.

4. Human Resources Report

- a. The renewal of AECI liability insurance is in process.
- b. Work continues on exploration of enhanced investments options for the 401K plan
- c. Work continues on the transition from a PEO to a stand alone program,

5. Principal's Report - AECI I

- a. Enrollment is at 449 Students including 113 freshmen. An open house was held on for prospective students and parents. A recruitment initiative using social media has been launched and initial feedback appears to be positive.
- b. The lottery was held on April 3, 2023. As of this date there are 127 incoming 9th graders. In-person and on-line registration continues ahead of prior years.
- c. Attendance for February was 85.92% .
- d. Preparation for the Regents examination has begun with extended tutoring sessions after school and on Saturdays
- e. Plans for a summer school/bridge program for in-coming 9th grade students is in progress.
- f. The projected graduation rate is 94-96%
- g. The college credit trackers shows increased college credits.
- h. School Activities included:
 - I. Dress Down Days
 - ii. Karaoke and Movie Pajama Night
 - iii. Core Value Recognition
 - iv, Students saw Juliet on Broadway
 - v. Student graduation acceptance includes NYU, Columbia, a wait list for Harvard and the Olen School of Engineering,
 - vi. One of our students is a finalist for the Gates Scholarship and four students have received OpNet Fellowship.

6. Principal's Report - AECI II

- a. There are 412 including - 124 Freshmen, 111 Sophomores, 83 Juniors and 94 Seniors.
- b. Attendance for February was 83.77%.
- c. There was a break-in during the break. A number of windows were damaged and subsequently repaired. Nothing was taken.
- d. There were no incidents of COVID this past month
- e. School Events included:
 - i. On March 1, 2023 11th grade students took the SAT Examination
 - ii. On March 2, 2023, Julissa Reynoso Pantaleon, the US Ambassador to Spain visited the School.
 - iii. On March 3rd the 9th Grade students took the PSAT examination
 - iv. On March 8, 2023, Lilliam Perez, VP of Montefiore Hospital visited the school.
 - v. The Senior Breakfast- Senior T-Shirt day was held on March 15, 2023.
 - vi. Career Day/ Dress for Success was held on March 22,
 - vii. On March 22, 2023 a meeting was held with Spain Trip personnel
 - viii. On March 24, 2023 students in the 10th grade took the PSAT Examination.
 - ix. The Spring Dance was held on March 31, 2023
 - x. Parent-Teacher conferences were held with 100 parents in attendance.

7. Academic Affairs Committee Report

The Committee is scheduled to meet prior to the next Board meeting

8. Finance Committee Report

- a. The Committee is scheduled to meet to review budgeting for the coming year which should be further refined following the issuance of the Governor's budget.

- b. A process for review of disbursements by the Committee prior to presentation to the Board.

9. Facilities Committee

The Committee is scheduled to meet next week to review various options to meet additional space requirements

10. New Matters - AECI I

- a. New Hire

Rebecca Bravo Special Education Teacher

Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez seconded by Alberto Villaman. Approved unanimously

11. New Matters - AECI II

- a. Transportation for 9th Grade Washington, DC Trip

Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez seconded by Gregory Kimble to authorize the CEO to enter into a contract with First Stop Charters, Inc., the lowest of three responsible bidders, to provide transportation for a school trip to Washington DC at a cost not to exceed \$13,900.00.

Approved unanimously.

- b. Renewal of CAASS Subscription

Moved Alberto Villaman seconded by Paul Comrie to authorize the CEO to enter into a contract with Morrison Consulting, Inc. to renew the subscription for the CAASS System, which is proprietary software, at a cost not to exceed \$17,536.00

Approved unanimously.

12. Executive Session

Moved by Alberto Villaman seconded by Gregory Kimble at 6:45pm to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate and legal matters. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Paul Comrie and seconded by Gregory Kimble at 7:53pm to return to the record.
Approved unanimously.

13. Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez seconded by Gregory Kimble at 8:02 pm to adjourn.
Approved unanimously.