

Present: Rachel Allison, Kit Kaolian, Vince Musto, Wendy Phillips, Jacquie Marumoto, Sandy Lefkowitz, Michael Bologna, Dee Fuller, Tim Dutton and Rachel Smith a candidate for the Board of Directors.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

- **Public comment (Each guest is allowed 3 minutes)** No Public comment.
- **Approval of minutes from previous (February) meetings.** A motion was made by Jacquie Marumoto and seconded by Michael Bologna and approved by the Board.
 3. **Old Business:** Date of the upcoming Board luncheon was mentioned along with reminder of the end of the year Board gift.
 4. **Status report and update on school (enrollment, suspensions, school climate):** SAT testing has been completed for all juniors and the science CMT's will be administered in the upcoming week. The high schools English teacher has officially finished her last week. Daily data and grade meetings continue; school climate has been steady with minor problems and minimal suspensions.

Last month our middle schoolers had a trip to view the movie "RACE". A few of those same students were honored as students of the month at a Luncheon held at the Bridgeport Rotary Club this past month. March Madness has almost come to a close, and students that have met all criteria will be participating this month in the teachers vs. student's basketball game.

Our next community meeting topic has been decided to revolve around the daily use of the schools adopted Mindfulness program.
 5. **Personnel (Mid-year evaluations, HS English Position):** Arrangements to carry out the high school English classes without falter have been made. As of now we have a former retired teacher acting as the junior's English teacher for the duration of the school year. Freshmen are being taught by one of our newer paraprofessionals. Evaluation of current arrangements with these English classes will be held in late May. For all untenured teachers reevaluation will be made for determination of employment renewal for the upcoming school year.
 6. **Charter School Performance framework explanation (Dutton):** The Board was presented with the performance framework for Bridge Academy, Bridgeport Public Schools, Bridgeport Achievement First, Common Ground, and Achievement First Hartford. The comparison shows Bridge Academy's performance in a better light, as the report does not focus only on test scores. Bridge Academy attendance measures and participation in Art classes help boost our score.

Also next year the score report is going to all have a measure for student improvement, which should also lift The Bridge Academy's scores. This may make next year's renewal easier.
 7. **Public Square evaluation (update in April):** It was announced that Public Square was coming to the Board to make a presentation on their cooperation with The Bridge Academy at the April 18 meeting. However, after some Board discussion it was decided that Public Square should be invited to the May meeting. It was also reported that Public Square was funding a data/curriculum initiative for the school.
 8. **Governing Council update (February public meeting):** The March minutes were presented to the Board.
- 9. **Financial committee report (Marumoto):**
 - credit card statement review:
 - Monthly report: Our budget is on track. Security Grant award is not the total funding for the project. The Board was showed a letter requesting the transfer of funding from the Charter Construction grant into the Security grant.

10. **Building issues (Dutton)** – The glass windows for the front office will be installed this coming April during spring break. An information session was held to allow construction companies the ability to place bids for renovations of the 3 science rooms (Middle school science, High school science and Art room). We are hopeful all three rooms are covered by the \$400,000 of remaining construction funds. Bids must be submitted by April 5th; follow-up asbestos checks will happen at week's end.

11. **Executive session:** No Executive session.

12. **Other New Business:** A motion was moved by Dee Fuller and second by Kit Kaolin to approve the 16-17 school calendar; all present agreed.

The addition of more after school clubs was discussed.

The Bridge Academy unanimously approved a new Board of Directors member: Rachel Smith.

Action to be completed	Date of completion	Responsibility
Revisions of Board Manual	04/18/2016	Lefkowitz

13. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm