

Present: Rachel Allison, Kit Kaolian, Vince Musto, Wendy Phillips, Michael Bologna, Dee Fuller, Tim Dutton and Vik

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 (March) meetings:** The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with one abstention (Muktavaran)
 3. **Old Business:** The Board was informed of a new member that will be joining from Bridgeport Public School's Board, Mr. Kevin McSpirit. Bridgeport Public Schools by law has the responsibility to send a representative to Bridge Academy's Charter School Board. A discussion ensued about all the charter schools in Bridgeport, their reputations, program and location.
 4. **Status report and update on school (enrollment, suspensions, school climate):** A small amount of suspensions have occurred in the high school. Before break we held a very successful high school dance. Testing has started; along with third quarter report card conferences. End of the year contracts are starting to be distributed and discussed with students, so all students know what needs to be done in order to pass the year. Acceptance letters are still coming in for all seniors.

Middle school had a very high turnout for report card conferences with over 70% of families in attendance. Sbac testing has started in math and English will follow in the next weeks to come. Boston trip is still currently scheduled for next month. Eighth graders will be attending a trip to Eastern State for College Knowledge, This give the students a chance to get a glimpse on college life and gather information on what to look forward to.

Due to a fight that occurred in the middle school, some student and technology policies will be looked over and discussed for more fine-tuned revisions.
 5. **Personnel (Language position, Special education position, Encore Fellow hire):** Arrangements have been made to look into another language teacher replacement, due to a recent resignation of the current language teacher.

The retirement of one of our Special education teachers has also started the process of looking into a replacement.

In an update to the Encore hire our final candidate for hire had chosen to decline. We will revisit the hiring process in the upcoming school year.
 6. **Public Square evaluation (update in April):** The Bridge Academy is hoping to receive a grant from Public Square to fund some consultants from ANET who will help the school implement better use of classroom data to drive and improve instruction. Jen Clessas from Public Square will hopefully join us at our May 9 meeting.
 7. **Governing Council update (February public meeting):** The change in Bridgeport public summer school was explained to the Board. Unlike the previous years were students are able to retake 2 classes in the span of 5 weeks, now you are only able to retake one class. Finding this out a few short months of summer break didn't seem fair to the students, so Bridge is looking into alternatives to allow the students to take online classes for the second class that needs to be retaken. This second class will most likely be done at The Bridge Academy in the computer lab with supervision. More finalized details will be discussed in the upcoming meeting in May.
- 8. **Financial committee report (Marumoto):**
 - credit card statement review:
 - Monthly report: Our budget is on track, the possibility of a surplus at the end of the year looks to be promising. The Board was informed that the school was not allowed to

transfer the excess cost from our Security grant to the Charter School Construction grant. This is going to add about 30K of unbudgeted expense to this year's budget. It is hoped that some of this can be absorbed in the building expenses line.

9. **Building issues (Dutton)** – Will be meeting this coming week to approve a contractor to start on the construction of the 3 science rooms over the summer. Negotiations of construction budget will be discussed as well.

10. **Executive session:** No Executive session.

11. **Other New Business:** Members were reminded of Board gifts.

Action to be completed	Date of completion	Responsibility
Revisions of Board Manual	05/9/2016	Lefkowitz
Video policy report and update	05/09/2016	Allison

12. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm