

Present: Rachel Allison, Sandy Lefkowitz, Vik Muktavaram, Vince Musto, Wendy Phillips, Celeste Markle, Jacquie Marumoto, Dee Fuller, Zainab Muhammad, Rachel Smith, Kit Kaolin, Jacquie Marumoto, and Tim Dutton.

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm.

- **Public comment (Each guest is allowed 3 minutes)** No Public comment.
- **Approval of minutes from previous (May) meetings:** The minutes from the previous meeting were approved first by Jacquie and second by Celeste.
 3. **Old Business:** Graduation Gift from the Board members amounted to almost \$1000.00.
 4. **Status report and update on school (enrollment, suspensions, school climate):** Bridge Academies Alumni reunion generated about 100 past alumni. Each filled out information for the schools database.

Enrollment for seventh grade has picked up in the last couple of weeks, generally coming from the public schools in the surrounding area. School Data report indicates that norm improvements for reading and writing have been met for most grades. This is confirmed through both NWEA Map test and STAR test. Suspension numbers have been cut down this year compared to previous years. Majority of the suspensions that are being reported are bus suspensions, which are given from the bus drivers and are out of the schools control. Another portion of that report is in-school suspensions; this report counts all suspensions, even those done by the same students multiple times.

On the note of suspension, we had one last expulsion for the end of the year. This student was involved in a physical altercation at a school basketball game.

Graduation certificates will be given by a Governing council member. National Honor ceremony went well. Discussion of senior project presentations and grading was explained to members, along with suggestions for future presenters.

In the middle school the English teacher entered some students in a writing contest and two of our 8th graders won scholarships. Along with that Boston went well; many trips have gone such as six flags and field day. The middle school climate is at a good point in the year.
 5. **Personnel (English position, intern from Mount Holyoke)(board training count):**

English position is currently still open. The hopes are to have it filled by July. The intern from Mount Holyoke worked out well with the middle school students.

Board members were asked to recall if they had attended Board training and if not to soon expect to attend a training session.

There will a new language for the upcoming school year. We will reintroduce Spanish.

In the upcoming school year we will be receiving a new Special Education specialist.
 6. **Renewal application (nepotism and supervisory relationships policy):**

The Board unanimously approved a new nepotism and supervisory relationships policy for The Bridge Academy. This policy will be placed in Board handbook and makes the school fully compliant with current legislation.
 7. **Governing Council update (June meeting):** The idea of continuing mindfulness education was agreed upon. Summer school was changed; credit recovery will be done at the Bridge Academy. This is due to a very recent change in the

Bridgeport summer school system. Along with that it was brought to our attention that we will not be receiving any busses for the high school. A letter was sent to all high school parents to explain the issue.

8. Financial committee report (Marumoto):

- Monthly report: There was an increase in income which offsets the increase in planned expenses. In the end we are expecting a year end surplus of about 100,000.
- The budget for next year seems to be forecasting at about break even.
- A Budgeted increase for insurance....
- Increase credit line from banks...

A motion to approve the budget going forward was approved.

9. Building issues (Dutton) –Asbestos removal will be done in the upcoming weeks.

The science renovations will be underway; all construction under contract must be done before the start of school. Otherwise penalties will be implemented.

10. Executive session: No Executive session.

11. Other New Business: no new business.

12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm