

Present: Tim Dutton, Jacquie Marumoto, Rachel Allison, Sandy Lefkowitz, Vik Muktavaram, Celeste Markle, Wendy Phillips, Jesse Toro, Vincent Musto, Na'taya Riley and Dee Fuller.

Absent: Zainab Muhammad.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

- **Public comment (Each guest is allowed 3 minutes)** No Public comment.
- **Approval of minutes from previous (December) meetings:** December minutes were approved.
- **Old Business:** There was no old business.
- **New Parent member for Board:** Two parents of the Governing Council were voted on to the Board of Directors as official members.
- **Status report and update on school, school climate, exam, discipline:**
High school has just finished up with mid-term exams. This month of January has had fewer suspensions for the high school since December. Report card for the whole school will be mailed out in the upcoming weeks. The must fail list this quarter is large with more than 40 students failing due to tardies. With mid-terms wrapping up, and the marking period closed students are concerned with grades and summer school.

On February 9th the Public hearing for The Bridge Academy will be held at Bullard Havens.

Due to the loss of the Spanish teacher both 9th and 10th grade classes will alternate between art and gym for the last 2 marking periods; middle school scheduling will change. Middle school will have a new reading program instead of Art.

Middle School had recently taken both 7th and 8th grade to see the movie Hidden figures. Also are finishing up with MAP testing; and are currently recruiting. The must fail list has more than 20 students for the middle school.

6. Personnel (Dutton) Maintenance employees:

Every teacher now has full certification; Maintenance employees are working out well. The social worker can be classified as a school social worker; certification was official in November.
There have been more teachers absences with the cold weather.

7. Special Education Memorandum of Understanding and building dispute:

We are still in a dispute with Bridgeport with the billed Special Ed invoice. We have been told that reimbursement will not go higher than 65k. For now we will be passive.

8. Renewal application and visit (Dutton): There hasn't been any update on the renewal application. There will be a hearing in February for anyone to attend to advocate for The Bridge Academy regarding the renewal.

9. Financial report:

Net income is forecasted as breakeven; surplus is under \$300. We will be managing all finances very closely due to changes in budget.

10. Governing Council- Review of Jan meeting, plan for February community meeting:

The Governing council will be having an open community meeting the first Monday in February. The topic of discussion will be on test results from the most recent tests. Explanations of the scores and new individual expectations for students will be discussed and created.

A motion to change the bullying policy was made 11-0 vote with one abstention (Lefkowitz). Further discussion will be needed to gain total consensus on final policy change.

11. Building issues (Dutton) roof new construction: The Roof has not leaked. However, we have one repair still scheduled. The school has sought design build bids for a remodel in the gym locker room area. Once bids are received the building committee will review.

12. Food Service audit procurement policies, Procurement code of conduct, wellness policy update:

Coming up in March our food service will be audited. We will be critiqued on how we are following the code

of conduct and wellness policies. The changes to the wellness policy were accepted unanimously.

13. **Executive session:** No Executive session.

14. **Other New Business:** Book award and Board gift have been discussed along with a possible new scholarship award.

15. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm delivered

Board Member	Topic	Date of resolution
Sandy Lefkowitz	Board Renewals	1/23/2016
Tim Dutton	Board member position	1/23/2016