



Belmont Charter School

Belmont Charter School Board of Directors Meeting

Date:	November 15 2023
Time:	12:00 pm
Location:	Met virtually (Zoom) Inquiry Charter School, 1301 Belmont Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa 19104

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Belmont Charter Board of Trustees took place in a joint session with the Inquiry Charter School Board of Trustees and Community Education Alliance of West Philadelphia Board of Trustees. The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm.

Members of the Board in Attendance (Belmont Charter School):

Michael Karp
Dominique Reiff
Paulette Adams
Leslie Convey

Absent members: Alice Gibbs, Steve Parico

Members of the Board in Attendance (Inquiry Charter School): Devalina Guha Roy, Lisa Kaminsky, Leslie Convey (nonvoting), and Michael Karp (nonvoting). Elizabeth Preate-Havey

Members of the Board in Attendance (Community Education Alliance of West Philadelphia): Kristen Koenisbauer, Shanisha Mitchell, Philip Balderston

Staff in Attendance: Troy Hardy, Jennifer Faustman, Claire Cohen, Beth Dyson, Theresa Doggett, and contract relationship: Robie Lawless of Charter Choices

Parents or community member: none

M. Karp called the meeting to order.

Resolution 1: Board members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting, September 2023, M. Karp made a motion to approve. Seconded by D. Reiff. The motion passed unanimously.

CEO Report: J. Faustman provided an update on space constraint and facilities issues impacting the school including the challenge of scheduling in the high school (located at 1301 Belmont Avenue) and the infrastructure issues with the building at 4030 Brown Street.

J. Faustman provided an update on the organizational priorities and progress being made on each:

- Learning Acceleration: monthly truancy reports are showing an increase in student attendance and mitigation of chronic absenteeism.
- Increasing Leadership Capacity: investment in principal/head of school development through the Managing Director of School Leadership.
- Creating Meaningful Opportunities- partnership with Inmind is yielding ongoing professional development and support for schools implementing and refining their trauma informed approach. The organization has reinvested in Responsive Classroom and Developmental Designs for all teachers PreK- grade 12.
- Technology Integration: Aligning to the new STEELS state standards and building classroom makerspaces. Awaiting PSD approval for construction on the makerspace at 4030 Brown Street.

Financial Report: T. Doggett provided a summary of the financials provided on Belmont Charter School. The finance committee met ahead of this meeting to review all budget details. T. Doggett highlighted the school is moving to a 5 year financial projection to plan for the reduction from ESSER funds.

Action Items:

Resolution 2: To approve vendor contracts according to the bylaws for the BCS board of directors as outlined in the board packet (see attached). M. Karp made a motion to approve. Seconded by D. Reiff. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 3: The board approved a resolution to update the Federal Program Coordinator for EnDA to Carter Belmont. M. Karp made a motion to approve. Seconded by D. Reiff. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 4: The board approves trust agreement for SJ. M. Karp made a motion to approve. Seconded by D. Reiff. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 5: The board approved a resolution to pursue a change of venue for Belmont Charter High School from 1301 Belmont Avenue to 600 S 43rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19104.. M. Karp made a motion to approve. Seconded by D. Reiff. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Dyson reviewed Board expectations. She congratulated P. Adams on completing her Act 55 training along with her first year of service. B. Dyson reminded the board of the timeline for their Statements of Financial Interest, Conflicts of interest reporting and bylaw requirements of attendance for meetings. She reviewed best practices for board email addresses which are hosted on the Belmont Charter Network server.

M. Karp called for public comment. No public comment was made.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by M.Karp. Seconded by L.Convey. The meeting adjourned at 12:38pm