

Broome Street Academy Charter High School

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in person and by videoconference.

Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Notice of the meeting was duly given to members of the Board and the public.

Trustees in attendance: Cathy Aquila, Lauren Blum, Stephanie Durden Barfield, Herb Elish, Katie Jaxheimer Agarwal, Jeff Katzin, Elaine Schott, Fernando Snowden-Lorence, Alexandra Wood, and David Zurndorfer

Also present: Lynnette Ford (Head of School), Josh Hanna (minutes), and Felicia Rowe

The meeting was called to order at 6:16pm, with a quorum.

Approval of the Minutes

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024 Board Meeting.

Discussion of the CSI Board Interview

The members discussed the CSI Board interview that immediately preceded the Board meeting. Mr. Zurndorfer and others commented favorably on the fact that – compared to last year’s interview – a lot more Board members participated in responding to the questions that were raised.

Head of School Report

Ms. Ford presented the Head of School report.

Attendance at BSA continues a positive trajectory with a four-month average of 89% of scholars coming to school each day. The highest daily attendance percentage was 96%; the lowest percentage was 79%.

Ms. Ford reported on BSA’s pass/fail rates for scholars with Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and General Education scholars. Quarterly pass/fail data:

- Scholars with IEPs
 - Q1: 88 scholars (36% passed/64% failed)
 - Q2: 90 scholars (41% passed/59% failed)
- General Education
 - Q1: 193 scholars (66% passed/34% failed)
 - Q2: 188 scholars (53% passed/47% failed)

Broken down by grade level, pass/fail rates for 9th through 12th grade scholars:

- 9th grade
 - IEP Q1: 54% passed/46% failed
 - IEP Q2: 43% passed/57% failed
 - Gen Ed Q1: 81% passed/19% failed
 - Gen Ed Q2: 58% passed/42% failed
- 10th grade
 - IEP Q1: 5% passed/95% failed

- IEP Q2: 10% passed/90% failed
- Gen Ed Q1: 75% passed/25% failed
- Gen Ed Q2: 62% passed/38% failed
- 11th grade
 - IEP Q1: 27% passed/73% failed
 - IEP Q2: 42% passed/58% failed
 - Gen Ed Q1: 64% passed/36% failed
 - Gen Ed Q2: 51% passed/49% failed
- 12th grade
 - IEP Q1: 57% passed/43% failed
 - IEP Q2: 60% passed/40% failed
 - Gen Ed Q1: 59% passed/41% failed
 - Gen Ed Q2: 49% passed/51% failed

BSA is implementing progress reports to provide parents/caregivers and scholars data on the scholars' academic performance.

Ms. Ford discussed the results of the April 4th student lottery. The lottery resulted in 215 offers of admission. Offers by grade level:

- 9th grade: 193
- 10th grade: 22
- 11th grade: 0
- 12th grade: 0

BSA continues working with Future Leaders Incubator on key areas in preparation for the upcoming SUNY site visit. These areas include:

- Assessments
- Curriculum
- Pedagogy
- Instructional Leadership
- Support for at-risk scholars

Ms. Ford provided school-wide updates which included:

- A parent/caregiver conference was held on March 21
- Graduation is set for June 28 at the Hunter College Kaye Playhouse
- Summer school will begin on July 29 and end on August 16
- Regents will occur from June 4 through June 24 with test preparation starting on May 2

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.