

**AECI CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK  
838 BROOK AVENUE  
BRONX, NEW YORK**

**MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Location: 116 E. 169th Street  
Bronx, New York

1. Welcome Role Call: Present were Carlo Schiattarella, Irma Zardoya, Paul Comrie, Gregory Kimble, Alberto Villaman, Shameeka Gonzalez, Ricardo Cosme Ruiz

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| CEO:               | Derick Spaulding                                      |
| Principal AECI I:  | Colin Healy   |
| Principal AECI II: | Santiago Taveras                                      |
| BoostEd:           | Joshua Moreau   |
|                    | Hector Rodriguez, Director of Operations              |
|                    | Christopher Mastrocola - Assistant Principal - AECI I |
|                    | Donna Rodriguez - Assistant Principal - AECI I        |

2. Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2023

Moved by Alberto Villaman and seconded by Ricardo Cosme Ruiz to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on January 10, 2023. Approved unanimously.

3. CEO Report

- a. The internal Network leadership development, “Leadership in Design,” has been finalized. The first meeting was held on January 30, 2023 and received positive feedback from attendees..
- b. Network standards for counselors and deans have been finalized. Meetings have been held with counseling teams at both schools to review standards and to implement new review system
- c. A process to update revisions to charters to incorporate a middle school for each school and renew our charters is under way. A Committee has been established to include strategic stakeholders from within the Network of schools and key partners.
- d. Work has begun on the development of a five year strategic plan.
- e. The director of Human Resources reported on the following:

- I. Exploration of alternative to existing process for processing payroll
- ii. Exploration of alternatives to existing sponsor of the 401K plan.
- iii. Ongoing mentorship meetings have been going well

4. Principal's Report - AECI I

- a. Enrollment is at 444 Students including 108 freshmen. On February 11, 2023 an open house was held for prospective students and parents
- b. The pass rate is 80%.
- c. The graduation rate is on target and is consistent with prior years
- d. Professional Development activities included a discussion with teachers and students regarding attendance
- e. plans are under way for the development of themed Internships for students
- f. School Activities included:
  - I. Trips to Broadway, Bear Mountain, Apollo Theatre (Black History Celebration)
  - ii. Students designed and created a mural in cafeteria as well as Habits of Mind posters.
  - iii. Other events included Student Council Valentine's Day, a Winter Sports Pep Rally, a Dress Down to support Trevor Project.

5. Principal's Report - AECI II

- a. There are 416 Students enrolled. Recruitments efforts for the coming year include creation of a recruitment video, recruitment a middle schools by AECI students and staff.
- b. Attendance is at 85.6%.
- c. The number of suspensions has decreased
- d. Pass rate increased over last year for all classes and is now at 83%
- e. 93% of students in the 12th grade are on track for graduation. A graduation rate of 95% is projected.
- f. There are 41 students enrolled in the College Now program

- g. Professional development activities focused on team building, common planning time, clear expectations
  - h. Academic initiatives include the creation of a robotics class.
  - g In the area of facilities a physical fitness center has been created in the basement.
  - h. School Events included:
    - I. The I Commit Day featured visitors from various professions discuss their careers.
    - ii. An author visited the school and spoke to students.
    - iii. A Thanksgiving Dinner was held along with a dress down day, and a food drive
    - iv. Community Service Group-Holiday Party was held which included a toy give away for families and face-painting
    - v. Chess and domino tournaments were held
6. Academic Affairs Committee Report
- The Committee met and reviewed the alignment of data dashboard and the city school survey results.
7. Finance Committee Report
- a. The Committee met to discuss the coming year's budget and will be meeting in next few weeks to determine next steps
- 8 Facilities Committee
- The Committee met on to review various options to meet additional space requirements
9. Executive Session
- Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez seconded by Gregory Kimble at 7:50pm to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate. Approved unanimously.
- Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez and seconded by Alberto Villaman at 7:55pm to return to the record. Approved unanimously.
10. Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez seconded by Alberto Villaman at 8pm to adjourn. Approved unanimously.