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Belmont Charter School Board of Directors Meeting

Date:	February 17, 2021
Time:	12:00 pm
Location:	Met virtually (Google Meets) 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 joint session with Inquiry Charter School Board of Trustees and the Community Education Alliance of West Philadelphia Board of Trustees. The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm.

Members of the Board in Attendance: Michael Karp, Alice Gibbs, Leslie Convey, Harold Anderson, Steve Paricco

Absent Board Members: Dominique Ruff, Lisa Kaminsky

Staff in Attendance: Troy Hardy, Jared Ware, Jennifer Faustman, Claire Cohen, Shante Davis, Theresa Doggett and Beth Dyson. Joe Martin from Charter Choices.

M. Karp called the meeting to order at 12:12 pm and began the meeting by calling for public comment. Due to technical difficulties, there was a delay of 8 minutes from the start time of the meeting. No public comment offered.

Chairman's remarks: M. Karp welcomed board members to the meeting. M.Karp reported on the school's reopening process – a scaffolded hybrid reopening plan. He announced there would be three action items for the board 1) to re-approve the Oct 2020 reopening plan 2) to approve a full time staff member from Education Plus Health for 907 N 41st Street 3) approve spending 88k for COVID assurance testing.

J. Faustman asked if any board members had any questions.

M.Karp shared an update from the school district that the district will be testing students as they return. Mentioned the mayor's position to support schools in reopening. He also shared that there will be a forth coming article in the Inquirer that will highlight Belmont Charter School's reopening.

Operations and Finance Report: The board was introduced to the accounting and operations firm, Charter Choices, who will be working with the finance team.

CEO Report: J.Faustman offered an update on school reopening. February 10th, 2021 welcomed K-2 which was a success. February 22 we will be welcoming grades 3-5 to campus. March 1, middle school students and some high school. April 1, all high school students.

She reported that protocols are going well. 55% of students are returning in person as of the date of this meeting with 45% staying virtual. Changes will be allowed in the 4th quarter for families.

J. Faustman mentioned that internal assurance testing is an added layer of support to safe guard students and teachers. There is an internal PR campaign to communicate effectively with students and teachers related to the testing opportunities.

J. Faustman offered a vaccine update. Education Plus Health will be offering their own vaccine clinic, and the school district offered a vaccine clinic through a relationship with CHOP. In 6-8 weeks staff will have the opportunity to be vaccinated.

Action Items:

Resolution 1: The board reviewed the Health and Safety Plan and voted to recommit to it's plan. M. Karp motioned to approve the continuity plan as written. L. Convey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Resolution 2: M. Karp made a motion to approve hiring a dedicated school nurse for 907 N 41st street through our partnership with Education Plus Health. Motion was seconded by L. Convey. The motion was approved unanimously.

Resolution 3: M. Karp motioned to approve spending 88,000 in CARES funding to support assurance testing weekly for staff and students. L. Convey seconded that motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

M.K made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:38pm. Seconded by L. Convey.