Bridgewater Academy Charter School Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 12, 2024 **Location:** Virtual 100%

Time: Meeting convened at 5:06 PM

Attendees:

- Alexandra Martinez
- Anne Toler
- Ashleigh Wade
- Brandy Johnson
- Hannah Crowder
- Heather Kirby
- Judith Edwards
- K. Eaddy
- Leiselle Mayfield
- Roxanne Craft
- Sherry Pinto
- Tara McNeil

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Judith Edwards at 5:06 PM.
- Invocation led by Sherry Pinto, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Vision Statement: "Educate, uplift, every student, every day."

2. Public Comments:

No public comments were submitted by board members or attendees.

3. Approval of Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve agenda and August meeting minutes made by Roxanne Craft, seconded by Ashleigh Wade.
 - Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

4. Reports

• Financial Report:

- Presented by Hannah Crowder, assisted by Heather Kirby.
- o Highlights:
 - 75 days of cash on hand, exceeding benchmarks.

- Net income of \$28,745 as of August 31.
- Key expenditures aligned with the budget; maintenance expenses approaching limits due to summer projects.
- o Discussions:
 - Mr. Franklin's contributions to summer repairs.
 - Federal fund reimbursements (e.g., CSI) expected to commence in September.
- No major concerns; overall finances are stable.

5. Principal's Report:

- Enrollment: 140
- Technology:
 - Challenges with outdated Chromebooks and new iOS requirements.
 - Potential need for funding replacements; district repair delays highlighted.
- Curriculum:
 - Eureka Math Squared under consideration for adoption.
 - Frustrations with expired language arts licenses resolved; workbooks provided as interim solution.
- Recognition:
 - Fifth grader Strider McDowell achieved a perfect score on the Ready Math test.
 - Bridgewater's performance ranked highest among CSI schools serviced by the previous state coach.
- Safety Updates:
 - New CSI coach to be introduced.
 - Upcoming Family Ed Tech Night and Family Fit Night.

6. New Business

Safety Initiatives:

- Discussion led by Brandy Johnson and Roxanne Craft on improving entry security.
 - Concerns about building entry and visitor access.
 - Proposal for implementing staff panic buttons; research on costs and options underway.
 - Discussions about relocating and improving nurse's space for better functionality and safety.

Fundraising Efforts:

Roxanne Craft and Alexandra Martinez to lead expanded fundraising campaigns.

- Visual aids, such as progress thermometers, planned for engagement.
- o Corporate and community outreach initiatives to be explored.

• Board Elections:

- Process outlined for filling board member positions, including nominations and parent/community outreach.
- o Nominations to begin September 16, with elections following the next week.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Roxanne Craft, seconded by Ashleigh Wade.

• Vote: Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Ashleigh Wade, Secretary

Date of submission: December 12, 2024