

**AECI CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK**

**838 BROOK AVENUE**

**BRONX, NEW YORK**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: VIA REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE

1. Welcome Role Call: Present were Irma Zardoya Alberto Villaman, Robert Burton, Paul Comrie, Ricardo Cosme Ruiz, Shameeka Gonzalez (Irma Zardoya - Chair Pro Tem)

CEO: Derick Spaulding

Principal AECI I: Colin Healy

Principal AECI II: Santiago Taveras

Counsel: Flora Edwards, Esq.

Guests: Lauren Quigley - Post-Secondary Counselor - AECI I

Stephen Baffoe - Post Secondary Counselor

Christopher Mastrocolla - Assistant Principal

AECI II

2. Approval of Minutes of June 14, 2022

Moved by Alberto Villaman and seconded by Robert Burton to approve the Minutes of June 14, 2022. Approved unanimously

3. Election of Officers and Committee Assignments .

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following persons are elected or re-elected, as applicable, to the designated offices set forth below, to serve until the next annual meeting of the Board of Trustees and until such person's successor is elected and qualified, or until such person's earlier resignation or removal, in accordance with the First Amended and Restated Bylaws of AECI Charter Schools Network:

Chairperson Carlo Schiattarella

Vice Chairperson Irma Zardoya

Treasurer Shameeka Gonzalez

Secretary Ricardo Cosme Ruiz

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following persons are elected or re-elected, as applicable, to the designated committees set forth below, to serve until the next annual meeting of the Board of Trustees and until such person's successor is elected and qualified, or until such person's earlier resignation or removal, in accordance with the First Amended and Restated Bylaws of AECI Charter Schools Network:

Executive (chair), Paul Comrie Ricardo	Committee:	Carlo  Cosme	Schiattarella  Ruiz Shameeka  Irma
Gonzalez Alberto Villaman Zardoya			
Finance Committee: Shameeka Gonzalez (chair)			
Alberto Villaman Josh Moreau (ex-officio)			
Facilities (Chair) Carlo Sciattarella Irma Zardoya Flora Edwards, Esq (Ex-officio)	Committee:	Alberto	Villaman
Academic Chair Paul Comrie	Committee:	Irma	Zardoya
Robert Burton			
Personnel  (Chair) Director (ex-officio) (ex-officio)	Committee	-	Irma Shameeka Gonzalez Zardoya HR Flora Edwards
Committee on Family Engagement and Outreach: Paul Comrie, Ricardo			

Chair  
Cosme Ruiz

Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez and seconded by Paul Comrie.  
Approved 5 in favor and 1 abstention as to inclusion of ex-officio  
members

#### 4. CEO Report

- a. Year end planning continued at both schools.
- b. Search continues for HR Director
- c. HR consultant will provide professional development sessions for staff at each school regarding HR topics including sexual harrassment, crisis communication
- d. Work in progress regarding alignment of salary scales for teachers and non-instructional personnel, security as well as the assueance that the PEO reflects the rising cost of benefits and payroll.
- e. The search for a suitable site for a permanent facility continues.
- f. Planning in progress for the development of a Program of Network Professional Development to take place in August

#### 5. Principal's Report - AECI I

- a. There are 456 students enrolled which includes 116 freshmen. students are registered for the Freshman class for the 2021-22 school year. Applications continue to come in and are placed on the wait list.. Attendance for June was 90.43%.
- b. Graduation Rate was 96.43%. Graduation was held at Hostos Community College. The pass rate for the year was 81% which

- is approaching pre-pandemic percentage. The pass rate on the 2022 Regents was discussed.
- c. The Board heard a post secondary report by Post-Secondary Counselors, Lauren Quigley and Stephen. Baffoe.
  - d. Athletic Banquet  
The Annual Sports Banquet was held on June 14th in the gym to celebrate the 130 Student-Athletes at AECE. Awards were announced and video highlights from the season were played. Event had a very positive culture; students were told to dress to impress and did so. Principal made note in his speech that for the first time all of our coaches are teachers and counselors at AECE.
  - f. Academic Awards Night  
Academic Awards Night was held on June 23rd to honor the top students in each subject at AECE as well as winners of the Core Value Awards. For the first time we also had the student body vote on teacher awards, and Student Council members presented those awards to the teachers. All teachers nominated got an email with all the kind words that students said in their nominations.
  - g. Summer school has begun at AECE with 114 students enrolled and a new Summer School Director who is a highly effective teacher in an administration program. She has made key decisions regarding the late policy, how to deal with students whose parents have planned vacations, and where to allocate intervention resources. This week we will begin working with her on evaluating instruction. We are starting classes at 10am instead of 8am. Reasons for this change include us recognizing that many students in summer school arrived late to school during the school year, and study results show that 8am is too early a start time for high school students. Students have overwhelmingly arrived on time and logistics have been smooth

## 6. Principal's Report AECE 2

- a. There are 306 students enrolled for the fall terms with 126 students currently enrolled in grade 9, 87 students enrolled in grade 10, and 93 students added to grade 11.
- b. Attendance for June was 88.28%.
- c. Academics
  - i. The average pass rate was 82%. It is anticipated that the graduation rate will be 93.5%. Regents results were discussed. Strategies for assisting students needing additional help were discussed
  - ii. There are 44 students enrolled in summer session with 21 Grade 9 students and 23 Grade 10 students
  - iii. The tutoring program using college students as tutors is moving ahead who came in to tutor our students the last month, we believe had a direct impact on the regent's exam outcomes. Although some students benefitted from the appeals process, the tutors helped get those students closer to the passing mark of 65.
- d. Professional Development
  - i. Professional Development included a course on using PowerSchool to provide accurate information on our students.
  - ii. Two teachers assumed responsibility for programming and coordinating the mock regents and regents examinations.

iii. Ms. Guzman and Clark and Mr. Mastrocola worked on programming students for next years classes.

iv. A new format was developed to track the regents pass rate including the effect of he appeals process and to provide item analysis for ELA and Algera I regents examinations in order to strategically target the student needs

e. Activities

The year ended with a number of events including a field day at the Mott Haven Campus, a Sports Award Banquet and a Staff luncheon

f. Assistant Principal Christopher Mastrocola outlined the organizational issues involved in the plans for developing programming student schedules to maximize student progress focusing on individual student strengths and needs and to integrate the necessary resources at both the existing and the annex.

#### 7. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee

A meeting will be held next month

#### 8. Report of the Finance Committee

A meeting is scheduled for the end of July

#### 9. Report of the Facilities Committee

To be discussed in executive session.

#### 10. Personnel Committee

A meeting will be scheduled at the end of July

#### 11. New Business

a. AECI I

i. Moved by Paul Comrie and seconded by Shameeka Gonzalez to purchase 150 HP Cromebooks from Staples, the lowest qualified bidder at a cost not to exceed \$46,255. Approved unanimously.

ii. Moved by Alberto Villaman and seconded by Shameeka Gonzalez to authorize a personal services contract to Gary Bergman for consulting services in form of technical support in an amount not to exceed \$10,400 for the period July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Approved unanimously

iii Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez and seconded by Alberto Villaman to authorize a personal services contract to Tandra Burkett for consulting services as a Social Studies Coach in an amount not to exceed \$51,000 for the period July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Approved unanimously.

b. AECI II

i. Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez and seconded by Paul Comrie to authorize a personal services contract to Gary Bergman for consulting services in form of technical support in an amount not to exceed \$19,760 for the period July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

ii. Moved by Roberto Burton and seconded by Alberto Villaman to hire the following for the 2022-23 school year

Jose Disla Mathematics Teacher  
Langston Jones Social Studies Teacher  
Frank Feliz, Jr. IT Director  
Fatoumata Jallow Social Studies Teacher  
Julie Carlo School Counselor  
Lexlis Jimenez College Counselor

Approved unanimously.

c. Appointment of General Counsel

Moved by Robert Burton seconded by Paul Comrie to retain Flora Edwards Esq. as General Counsel for the period July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 at a cost not to exceed \$35,000. Approved unanimously

12. Executive Session

Moved by Robert Burton seconded by Paul Comrie at 8:18 pm to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate. Approved unanimously.

Moved Ricardo Cosme Ruiz seconded by Shameeka Gonzalez at 9:15 pm to return to the record. Approved unanimously

13. Adjournment

Moved by Alberto Villaman seconded by Ricardo Cosme Ruiz at 9:30pm to adjourn. Approved unanimously.