

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 1/17/2023
Held at Bridges Preparatory Main Campus,
555 Robert Smalls Parkway, Beaufort SC 29906**

Board Member Attendance

	Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived Late	Departed Early
1	Tom Angelo	Board Chair	x			
2	Bryan Merrick	Vice Chair	X			
3	Jorge Guerrero	Director	X			
4	Michelle Fraser	Treasurer	X			
5	Jon Brown	Secretary	X			
6	Beth Taggart	Director	x			
7	David Gault	Director	x			
8	Dawn Yerace	Director	x			
9	Casey Chucta	Director			x	

Staff Members in Attendance: Gary McCulloch, Caroline Lovell

- A. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**
 - a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Angelo called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.**
- B. PUBLIC MEETING**
 - a. MISSION STATEMENT**
 - 1. The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Chairman Angelo.**
 - b. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - c. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**
 - 1. Chairman Angelo stated that the media was notified of the meeting, including the listing on the BPS website and at all campus locations. It was done within the 24-hour requirement.**
- C. PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - 1. n/a**
- D. MOTION made by Director Yerace to enter an executive session, seconded by Treasurer Fraser motion carried.**
- E. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - a.** Section 30-4-70(a)(1) Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body.
 - b.** Section 30-4-70(a)(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim.
- F. MOTION made by Treasurer Fraser to end executive session, seconded by Vice Chair Merrick, motion carried.**
- G. Adoption of Agenda**

1. MOTION made by Director Yearace to adopt agenda, seconded by Treasurer Fraser, motion carried.

H. PUBLIC MEETING

a. CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)

- i. On December 15th BPS held Winterfest that included games, train rides, and crafts. Fun was had by many of the families that attended.
- ii. January 2nd the faculty returned to a professional development day to focus on vertical articulation between the grade levels.
- iii. On January 4th, the 5th grade class demonstrated their PLTW knowledge in Lego Lab with work in gravity, drag, and air resistance.
- iv. On January 5th and 6th, CEO McCulloch joined the 5th graders on their overnight trip to The Kennedy Space Center. This was a great opportunity to connect their knowledge of their science standards to an interactive experience. Thank you to our 5th grade teachers, parents, and Director Guerrero for volunteering your time for this trip.
- v. On January 10th the 8th grade science students created and presented their displays about the impacts of plastic pollution on our oceans.
- vi. On January 13th the first set of tours of the school for potential families for next year were held.
- vii. On January 13th we had Kona Ice on site to celebrate the end of the quarter.
- viii. Current enrollment is 1270 with 2 offers out, we have 455 on our waitlist and have already received 499 new applications for next year.

b. PTO REPORT

- i. Staff holiday party was well attended last month
- ii. As of December 10th 2022 the 2021-2022 tax return has been completed
- iii. Hearth Pizza Spirit night will be on January 24th from 5-9 PM
- iv. Next PTO meeting will be February 7th at 6PM
- v. The Buccaneer Ball will be held February 10th and 11th.

c. ATHLETICS REPORT

- i. n/a

d. CHARTER RENEWAL (Mr. McCulloch)

- i. The Charter Renewal committee met on January 9th and discussed the strategic goals. Checkpoints were identified to help BPS achieve the goals of becoming the best school in the state. The district will conduct a site visit on January 26th, and we will submit our formal application for renewal on February 1st. We are to present at the State Board Meeting on March 9th.

e. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Tom Angelo)

- i. There will be a call with USDA and Amerisbank to move the gym loan forward. Once we get the commitment letter from Amerisbank we can move forward with the building of the gym.

f. TREASURER'S REPORT

- i. Treasurer Fraser presented the financial report for the month of December, the details of which are available on a separate document.

1. MOTION made by Director Gault to approve the October, November, and December financials, seconded by Director Merrick, motion passed.

g. Announcements / Good of the Order

- i. Director Merrick presented the goals that are part of CEO McCulloch's contract.

h. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i. MOTION made by Director Fraser to approve the minutes from the Dec 13^{th, 2022}, with the mentioned adjustments, seconded by Director Taggart, motion passes.

i. NEW BUSINESS

- i. Senior Project – Costa Rica Presentation

1. Teacher presented information on the proposed Senior Project trip.

- a. MOTION made by Director Fraser to approve the Senior Project trip for 2023-2024. Seconded by Director Gault, motion passed.
 - ii. Charter Renewal – Goals
 - 1. CEO McCulloch presented the proposed 5 goals to be integrated into the Charter that will be submitted to be approved at renewal time.
 - a. MOTION made by Director Guerrero to approve the proposed goals presented by CEO McCulloch and the Charter Renewal team. Seconded by Director Taggart. Motion passed.
 - iii. Board Training
 - 1. CEO McCulloch presented information about have board training on February 28th @ 5 PM.
- j. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - i. Security – update in policy and procedures for safety
 - 1. MOTION made by Director Gault to remove from the table to have discussion. Seconded by Vice Chair Merrick. Motion passed.
 - 2. MOTION made by Vice Chair Merrick to approve the previously tabled portion of the Security policy. Seconded by Director Gault. Motion passed.
- k. ADJOURNMENT
 - i. First read of Budget will be on February 7th, 2023 @ 5:30 PM
 - ii. Next regular meeting confirmed for February 21st, 2023 @ 5:30 PM
 - iii. MOTION made by Treasurer Fraser to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Taggart, motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Approved by the Board: _____

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: _____