AECI CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK
838 BROOK AVENUE
BRONX, NEW YORK

MEETING OF THE BOARD

Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024
Time: 6pm
Location: 828 Brook Avenue
Bronx, New York

1. Welcome Role Call: Present were Carlo Schiattarella, Irma Zardoya, Shameeka González, Paul Comrie,

CEO:	Derick Spaulding
Human Resources Director	Hector Rodriguez
Director Post Secondary Readiness	Lauren Quigley
Principal AECI I	Colin Healy
Principal AECI II	Santiago Taveras
Assistant Principal AECI I	Nancy Dooley
Assistant Principal AECI II	Christopher Mastrocola
Director of Instruction	Tamara Williams
Counsel:	Flora Edwards, Esq.
BoostEd:	Joshua Moreau

Guests:
Devan Prioleau, PRI=O-LEAU Development Group, LLC
Peter Quiñones New York Edge, Inc.

2. **Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2024**

Moved by Irma Zardoya seconded by Paul Comrie to approve the minutes of May 14, 2024. Approved unanimously

3. **Student Presentations** - AECI I Students presented Projects which consisted of a Portfolio focusing forced on a single construction project based on client expectation from initial renderings through floor plan using AUTOCAD and REVIT in design the design process.

4. **CEO Report**

a. AECI I and AECI II applications for renewal of the Charter and expansion to include a middle school have been approved. The Board offered its congratulations to Derrick Spaulding, Colin Healy and Santiago Taveras and their teams for their hard work and effort in preparing for the renewal.

c. Plans continue regarding the development of a middle school.

d. The recruitment process is being reviewed with the goal of centralizing the process

for maximum effectiveness.

e. Staffing, media presence , partnerships development and the general alignment of both schools are under review

f. Plans for the summer session including summer bridge programs alignment of instructional practices and transitions to the new school year are under way.

4. **HR Report**

a. Employee Handbook **-**

Handbook has been reviewed with the CEO and Principals. Internal policies have been updated. A copy will be sent to counsel for review.

b. Administrative Salary Review - a comparative analysis was performed with a view to alignment of administrative salaries. Letters will be sent out early July.

c. Health Insurance Renewals - Discussions are being held with the insurance and a census has been provided to the broker to start planning for the renewal of Medical, Dental and Vision insurance.

5. **Post Secondary Readiness Report**

a. Senior Class Updates

I. College Commitments

AECI 1- 100% of college bound students have committed to the college of choice

AECI 2 85% of the senior class have officially committed to their colleges

ii. Financial Aid Completion Rates

AECI 1- 96.1% of students have completed their FAFSA/TAP applications

AECI 2- 85% of students have completed their FAFSA/TAP applications

iii. Decision Day

AECI1- Decision Day Carnival & Senior BBQ was held on May 17th

AECI2- Senior Commitment Day Celebration was held on May 31st

b. Summer Planning focus on:

I. Posse and Questbridge Nominations

ii. College Rep Visit Schedule

iii. Fall College Trip Planning

iv Network Post-Secondary Fair Planning

c. NYSCAC Annual Conference included

I. Mission driven institutions

ii Professional growth, 8 educational blocks

iii. Relationship building with institutions

6. **Principal's Report AECI I**

a. Enrollment - Enrollment is at 443 students which includes 113 freshmen. As of today's date, 822 applications have been received for admission in the 2024 Fall term. Of these 149 students have completed all paperwork.

b. **Attendance** for May was 83.1%.

c. **Charter Renewal and Expansion** On June 11, 2024, AECI I received notice that its charter has been renewed for a five-year term and the application to expand the charter to include a middle school has been approved.

d. **Graduation** - will take place at Hostos Community College on June 20, 2024. The Guest Speaker was Truman Jones an Engineer for DOT and an AECI Graduate of the Class of 2018. The graduation rate is 95%.

e. **School Activities**

I. Both Girls and Boys Volleyball Teams won the Championships

ii Sports Banquet was held on June 13th

iii. Academic Awards Night Dinner for Grades 9-1 was held on June 21st

f. **Summer Planning**

I. Thirty 30 students have signed up for summer bridge program

ii. Plans for Summer School are being finalized based on credit and regents results.

7. **Principal's Report - AECI II**

a. Enrollment is at 445 students. As of this writing, 110 freshmen enrolled for the for the 2024-2025 school year.

b. Attendance for May was 88.90%. The school wide attendance initiative continues.

c Health and Safety - 1 staff member tested positive for COVID and 0 students tested positive for COVID since our last meeting.

d. School Events

I. May 9th - Parent Teacher Association Meeting

ii. May 6 - May 10 - Teacher Appreciation Week

iii. May 11, 18 - Saturday Tutoring focusing on Regents Prep.

iv. May 14 AP Language Exam

v. May 5/17- History, ELA, and Science Team Inquiry Project Presentations

vi. May 20-21- 11th grade Boston Trip

vii. May 24 Computer Science and Math Inquiry Project Presentations during Friday Professional Development

viii. AECI 2 Team won the Charter HS Baseball Championship

8. **Finance Committee**

The Committee met on May 22, 2024 to review the budget for the coming year.

Moved by Irma Zardoya seconded by Paul Comrie to approve the budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

Approved unanimously

9. **Facilities Committee**

To be discussed in Executive Session

10. **New Business**

a. AECI 1

Moved by Irma Zardoya seconded by Paul Comrie to approve the appointment of

Valentina Valladares Special Education Teacher

Bridget Walsh - Special Education Teacher

Approved unanimously

b. AECI II

Moved by Irma Zardoya seconded by Paul Comrie to approve the appointment of:

James Aponte SPED Teacher

Erin Cavanaugh Math Teacher

Morning Little Sky Science Teacher

Joseph Welcome	Post-Secondary Teacher
Omar Sarr	Computer Science
Shannon McCarron	ESL
Melissa Addah	Special Education
Savika Balraim	ELA Teacher
Mehki Clayton-Smith	Youth Advisor/Media Specialist

Approved Unanimously

13. **Executive Session**

Moved by Irma Zardoya and seconded by Paul Comrie at 8:39pm to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate and personnel. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Irma Zardoya seconded by Paul Comrie at 9:00pm to return to the record. Approved unanimously.

15. **Adjournmen**t

Moved by Irma Zardoya seconded byPaul Comrie at 9:00pm to adjourn. Approved unanimously.