AECI CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK
116 E 169th Street
Bronx, New York

MEETING OF THE BOARD

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025
Time: 6pm
Location: 116 E. 169th Street
Bronx, New York

1. Welcome Role Call: Present were Irma Zardoya, Paul Comrie, Peter Quiñones, Gregory Kimble, Robert Burton

Chief Executive Officer	Derick Spaulding
Human Resources Director	Hector Rodriguez
AECI HR/Payroll Assistant	Veronica Echevarria
Principal AECI I HS	Colin Healy
Principal AECI I Middle School	Tyra Williams
Principal AECI II	Santiago Taveras
Assistant Principal AECI II	Christopher Mastrocola
Counsel:	Flora Edwards, Esq.
Josh Moreau	Boost Ed

Guest:
Carlo Schiattarella, Schoolhouse Project, Inc.

2. **Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2025**

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Moved by Peter Quiñones; seconded by Gergory Kimble to approve the minutes of January 14, 2025. Approved unanimously

3. **CEO Report**

a. Report on Grants

Discussions are on-going with a potential grant writer which includes an analysis of AECI data to determine areas of focus..

b. The challenges regarding an appropriate response to potential immigration issues were discussed.

c. Progress on plan for securing building space for present and future needs,

d. The application of the vision of Network was discussed

4. **Post- Secondary Readiness Report**

a. Application Update

i. AECI 1 1691 college applications submitted (96% of graduating class)

ii. AECI 2 1496 college applications submitted (98% of graduating class)

b. Curriculum Development

i. AECI 1

a revamping the 10th and 11th grade advisory curriculum with a focus on ECCA

b grade level counselors are working on a comprehensive counseling plan

ii. AECI 2 - Post Secondary Readiness Class Curriculum including transition work,
career preparation, college decisions, youth leadership workshops

iii. Pre-college recruitment - 37 pre-college applications have been submitted

iv. Higher Education Updates regarding federal financial aid, NYS Legacy admissions

v. The impact of emerging immigration policiies on post-secondary financial aid was discussed

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

a. Enrollment - 471 Students - 121 Freshmen, 122 Sophomores, 118 Juniors and 110 Seniors. There are 283 applications for the pending for coming school year.

b. Attendance for October was 85.82%

c. Instructional focus included:

i. Review of January, 2025 Regents Results

ii. Gave first joint mid-term with AECI 2

iii Staff led professional development focused on team building, code switching, Zines, Black History Month Planning, ENL Strategies, and Specially Designed Instructions

d. School events included:

i. An incident at a basketball away game was discussed. There we no injuries. No AECI students were directly involved.

ii. AECI competed in its first Cheer Competition

iii. Saturday Open House was very successful.

iv. Trips included . Six on Broad, Bear Mountain - Ice Rink and New York Commons Pantry

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

a. Enrollment - 443 Students- 107 Freshmen, 120 Sophomores, 106 Juniors and 110 Seniors. There are 690 applications for the new year.

b. Attendance for November was 87.34%

c. Joint mid-terms were held with AECI I

d. Regents examinations were held with more than 50% of the students passing the Living Environment Regents.

c. School Activities

i. PTA Meeting

ii. Alumni Day: Thirty-six students from both graduating classes attended.

iii. Senior photo shoot.

7. **Principal's Report AECI 1Middle School**

a. There are 53 Applications as of 2-11-25

b. Recruitment Efforts include:

i. Open House Saturday, February 8th.

ii. Mass mailing to all alumni families.

iii. Middle School Newsletter (every two months January/February).

iv. A presentation to Bronx Community Board 1 Education Committeeis scheduled for Wednesday, February 12th from 6pm-8pm.

v. AECI 1's Student Council, STUCO, has agreed to hand out flyers to local businesses.

8. **HR Committee**

The Committee met on February 7, 2025.

a, A copy of the Compensation Survey was distributed for review and discussion at the next meeting

b. The Committee reviewed the following appointments:

AECI I

Moved by Paul Comrie seconded by Robert Burton to approve the following appointments:

Tamara Williams	Assistant Principal
Cache Lane	School Safety Aid

AECI II

Moved by Peter Quinones seconded by Robert Burton to approve the following appointments pending HR clearance

Frantz Jerome	ELA Teacher
Nicole Alvarez	Youth Advisor/ Service AIDE

9. **Facilities Committee**

To be discussed in Executive Session

10. **Executive Session**

Moved by Paul Comrie and seconded by Gregory Kimble at7:30pm to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate. Approved unanimously

Moved by Gregory Kimble; seconded by Robert Burton at 7:30pm to return to the record. Approved unanimously.

11. **New Business**

AECI II - Purchase of Chrome Books

Moved by Gregory Kimble and seconded by Paul Comrie

To authorize the purchase of 114 Chrome Books from CDW, the lowest of three responsible bidders at a cost not to exceed $28,498.86

Approved unanimously

12. **Adjournmen**t

Moved by Gregory Kimble; seconded by Robert Burton at 8:15pm to adjourn. Approved unanimously