**Boston Day and Evening Academy**

**Board of Trustees Minutes**

Nov. 12th, 2019

**Attendance:** Danny Rivera, Alison Hramiec, Spencer Blasdale, Constance Borab, Maddrey Goode, David Jones, Chris Rotfuss

**Absent:** Brandy Craford, George Cox, Sonya Page, Spencer Kimball, Toni Elka, Evelyn Zayas

**Others in Attendance:** Lauren Barry (BDEA Staff), Rawchayl Sahadeo (BDEA staff), Cam Scott (BDEA staff)

**Clerk:** Carla Lee

1. **Welcome from Board Chair, Review Agenda: (Danny)**

Danny called to order at 5:43

1. **Approval of October minutes**

Spencer Blasdale called to vote to accept minutes.

Seconded by Chris Rothfuss

Approved by board.

1. **BDEA Accountability**
   * Head of School reviewed BDEA’s rating on the new DESE Accountability Report for SY19. HoS reviewed the state MCAS indicators and point values of Achievement, Growth, High School completion, Progress attaining EL proficiency, and Additional indicators.
   * BDEA’s rating is: focused/targeted rate group based on low graduation rate and low attendance on MCAS.
   * The BoT reviewed the DESE data from SY 2018 and 2019, discussed why changes in rating and made recommendations for how to improve on each indicator.
2. **Reviewed BDEA Accountability Plan Data from SY 2018-19**

* The BoT reviewed BDEA’s annual report which is a review of SY19 along with progress on BDEA accountability measures. The annual report was submitted to DESE this past July. BDEA has met all measures, except for two measures that define our student population meeting the mission of the school. It was also noted that one of the required accountability measures requires BDEA to disseminate its practice, a goal we removed from our strategic plan as we re-wrote it for the next three years.

1. **Advancement Update** 
   * Red Sox marketing materials - printed 1000 copies
   * “Friends of BDEA” event - BDEA Breakfast - Dec. 11 - BARR Foundation Pilot House (32 Atlantic). Jill Shah (Shah Foundation) and Dr Lindsa McIntyre (BPS) are guest speakers
   * BDEA Foundation Board – in the exploratory stages. BDEA board of trustees gave feedback and asked questions on how the two foundations would be connected. Next steps, finding a pro-bono lawyer to help with writing of foundation bi-laws. BDEA Board of Trustees will review and approve these bi-laws as well as the structure for how funding moves between the foundation and the school.
2. **Connections:** In the spirit of Thanksgiving, what are you grateful for?
   * Board shared reflections
3. **Updates**

**MOU** - Board was asked to vote on changes to MOU that have been made by BDEA executive team in collaboration with BPS legal team. The MOU defines our relationship with BPS and BDEA Changes were reviewed and board was asked to vote on these changes.

Vote:

Constance Borab motions to accept the MOU with a qualifying indicator that the language around how BPS would support students on IEP’s is not finalized. BPS has since removed the sentence ‘BPS will be responsible for responding to requests for support on student placement within one week time period’. BPS wants to keep language consistent across all schools and not add this sentence.

Seconded by Spencer Blasdale

Unanimous agreement - All in favor, no abstains

**Board Reviewed the Mission statement with the new line statement**

Board approved to add the following sentence to our mission and vision, so that the document better describes our student population

**Addendum: Per email conversation, approved the following mission and vision statement:**

**BDEA Mission and Vision**

*When other doors have closed, our students seek the key to unlock new opportunity. Here at BDEA, they find it.*

**Vision:**

Young adults own their learning to ignite personal and community transformation.

**Mission**

Boston Day and Evening Academy engages young adults to build a vision for their future through supportive relationships and meaningful competency-based learning experiences.

1. **New Business, Announcements, Meeting Adjourn**

* Reviewed upcoming events: Thankful Dinner - Nov. 19, Graduation - Dec 5, Symposium Night - Dec. 19
* Go Fund Me - Danny encourages the BoT to donate for them to be 100% giving - BoT

Danny adjourns at 7:31 pm

Motion to adjourn meeting: Danny Rivera

Second motion: Constance Borab

Unanimous agreement - All in favor, no abstains