

Meeting Notes – April 28, 2020 – Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Dr. Vanessa Anderson, Principal; Clara Haskell Botstein; Sharon Shanklin-Browne, President of Benning Ridge Civic Association; Liana Conyers, Dance Faculty, Brandon Dailey, Custodial Foreman; Chenine Dyson, Social Worker; Jefferson Glassie, WTU Building Representative, Anita Gonzalez, PTSA Vice President and Parent of 11<sup>th</sup> Grader; Brian Gloor, Dean of Studies; Tonya Hawkins, Administrative Aide; Alysa Campbell Hutson, Bard Early College Director of Policy and Strategy; Brian Massey, Family & Community Engagement Coordinator; Manika Morgan, PTSA President & Parent of 11<sup>th</sup> Grader; Lynnette Pelzer, Parent Representative and Parent of 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Graders; Sherita Wallace, Nakisha Winston, LSAT Chair & Parent of 9<sup>th</sup> Grader.

Introductions made Dr. Glassie will be the WTP rep for the remainder of the school year.

Meeting called to order by Nakisha Winston, who gave the floor to Dr. Anderson.

- Distance learning connected with 100% of student's throughout the past 6 weeks, all students have been completing some work.
- Admissions - 124 students currently matched and offered seats, 330 total for school.
- If all students accept offers and all current students return, total enrollment will be 279 students.
- 43 students will be interviewed virtually; Virtual tours will also be conducted.
- Bard representatives are currently reaching out to middle school counselors to recruit new students who were not matched with their first preferences.
- Social media suggestions for outreach to draw other parents and students (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter suggestions for a social media campaign).
- Involve neighborhood groups in spreading the word about Bard.
- Copy of guidelines regarding gifts and incentives requested to determine what types of incentives could be offered to prospective families.
- Suggestions made to clarify language and understanding to all incoming students regarding receiving AA degree. Every child has the opportunity to earn the degree; however, they have to complete required courses to receive the credits:  
Perhaps bring up during the interview process about how to incorporate the need to work while in school
- Re-enrollment is being conducted online during pandemic.
- Once schools are reopen, the online system will not be utilized.
- Medical forms can be submitted on a later date.
- DCPS enrollment deadline requests- 50% reenrollment by May 29, a final deadline date will be set for the end of June.

## Budget and Teaching Vacancy Discussions

- Funds/purchase cards were frozen due to school not being in session so schools cannot use money to offer incentives to offer to prospective applicants.
- Money not utilized during the 2019-20 school year should transfer over and be reprogrammed for the 2020-21 school year.
- Budget updates were originally supposed to be announced in March 19 regarding Mayors budget, it has not been moved to May 12.
- Currently, \$740,000 is projected for education fund.
- Faculty to double for the 2020-21 school year.
- Social Worker, Counselor will focus on College and secondary transition.
- Teaching vacancies are open, part time admin aide and maintained staff are not yet live.
- Math is struggling to find teachers- suggestions for reaching out to possible qualified candidates.
- Bilingual counselor, social worker, behavioral aide positions are also not open yet.

## 2020-2021 School Year Discussion/Updates

- PTSA Manika Morgan provided update to regarding PTSA and LSAT positions (positions reviewed)
- WTU – Dr. Glassie provided update, stated he will provide update to staff regarding election updates and report to LSAT once decisions are final.
- New LSAT will decide who will be the community member during 2020-21 year. Call for student representation to participate; meeting schedule may need to be adjusted to facilitate this participation.
- Discussion regarding meeting schedule times (summer or in school months only)
- PTSA, updates regarding participating, and organization virtual parent panels, help currently matched student to keep Bard as their first option.
- PTSA president and VP stated that they would be willing to organize virtual engagements for new parents.
- Grading for term 3 explained; Term 4 no immediate penalty grades of D, F not recorded. F will be incomplete other grades will be accepted.
- Year 1 will have the opportunity to make up work by the end of the Fall term if they receive an incomplete.
- Plan for basement space - lights are fixed, warehouse will need to be moved, and it will be a shared space for the faculty. DC will not update anything else in the building
- Summer school will be held at Anacostia
- Dance is being grandfathered in as an alternative to Physical Education credits.
- More discussion about grading will be handled during virtual town hall.
- Last day of term 4 is May 29th.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:30.

Next LSAT Meetings: May 18<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup>

