

**Baltimore Teacher Network**  
**Executive Committee Board Meeting**  
**December, 2015**  
**5:00p**

Board Members in Attendance: Matt Wernsdorfer, JT Thornton, Shanelle Hopkins, Angela Newman

Staff in Attendance: Elijah Etheridge, Ron Howell, Leah Abrams, Freddie Smith

Matt Opened with

Thanks everyone for accepting the meeting. Most important to come out of the meeting to is come up with the agenda for the retreat in Feb

Leah will give updates... Where we are and what is

#1, 3 and 7....

Board Retreat

Who and what BTN ought to be about. I think that what we are doing is different from what we have been doing. Every non-profit has a product offering. Look at the product offerings and see if this is what we want to do.

JT Could you walk us through the document

Over the years BTN has had TIGs, interest groups and teachers write responses to social justice issues. A nonprofit org needs to do a self check in to see if we are seeing the pulse of the community. Lacking in Baltimore is a parent teacher organization that hold the district accountable. There is no group that holds the district accountable for teachers and parents. PTA's don't have the power to impact the district. We want to develop a City Wide organization to hold the district accountable.

Should we be committed to organizing parents and teachers?

Matt- Parent organizing is an awesome job however is that the mission of BTN. We need to focus on the teacher organizing. Focus on serving the teachers and students within the schools that we serve. Baltimore means the city. How are we effecting the city of Baltimore to organize parents and teachers?

Wrapping the parent teacher organizing within the TRC.

Study groups. TIG. What happens after the group meetings. There was no follow up. Study circles are done in a different way. After the discussion there is an action

## Teacher Resource

Walk the board members through the Dashboard and how it works.

1. Team building
2. Dash board - Board Training
3. Review the strategic plan
4. Request for the mayor

Board members dues - are we going. Expectation of being a board member. Create a job description to be a board member. Who gave and who has not given.

Two lines of board members expectations dues...

Board recruitment for development committee...

Angela and Curtis...

Insurance and full proposal for Van

Late April for the Teacher Forum