



Board Meeting-October Meeting
Monday, October 22, 2018
5:00pm

Board Members in Attendance: Matt Wernsdoffer, Anthony Peña, Sherri Howell, Brad Bixler, Kevin Swearinger, John Berggren, Tessa Hill-Aston, J. Ricard Perkins, Michael Susko

Staff in Attendance: Elijah Etheridge, Ron Howell, Linda Harrison, Michael Plummer, Ayanna McLean-Principal Independence, Sherri Weaver, Jessica McLeod-AP ConneXions, Anne Rossi-Roots & Branches Principal, Ms. White-ConneXions, Ms. Williams-Roots & Branches Assistant to Principal, Dimitri Jackson-Independence Assistant to Principal

5:36 Matt welcomed everyone and began the meeting. Matt thanked Gala events and the new space for BTN.

5:40 BTN Gala event discussion:

Positive	Growth Areas
Band was entertaining	Increase more parental attendees: Memos sent in advance
Few minutes given for each honoree	Catering
Student Performances, band was great	Timing for eating (More strategic)
Environment; Ambiance	Honorees should have teacher clips played instead of bios
Venue space	Venue could have silent auction
Food was good	Speeches were well written, but Chris Hollen spoke from campaign speech.
Event was good	More Artwork needed
Speeches were powerful	Wait time in hallways was too long; took away from dinners; dancing
Art and political support; venue was nice	More Gala and less words; clarity of purpose
Event was planned well	See other students and representatives from all BTN schools
Valencia's words were powerful	Not enough bread; food was not great
Passion from award recipients	Aware of Art pieces
Less chaotic	No politicians during election season
Venue was nice	More artwork and silent auction
Band was nice	Limit political speeches
	Tables not organized

	<p>Grand had an event that ended at 5:30 and ran into our event Food and catering needs support Planning event was pulled in 6 weeks versus other times due to BTN move</p>
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6:03: Board reviewed BTN minutes to review and edit Mike Susko and include in BTN notes.

6:04 No Finance reports available. Audit process is taking precedence.

Matt said he would inform Board about some budget decisions if needed.

Elijah said ConneXions and Independence do not need a budget collaborative due to budget but Roots & Branches needs budget adjustments.

Enrollment is lower in Roots & Branches.

Anne submitted Librarian, classroom teacher, and PE teacher have been abolished.

6:12 School Reports:

J. McCleod (ConneXions): Completed IDPs, began observation season, scavenger hunt took place last Friday during PD, and school is now a SAT site. School lost \$7500 but SWD money covered loss. College visits have begun. Process for a theatre teacher has begun and new candidates are being recruited to replace current teacher.

A Rosci (Roots & Branches): Setting up meetings with rising 6th graders. Get out event took place to vote. Community event was well-attended. Arts school is a mentor school and they work with Arts Integrated. Met with Elevate who support middle-class communities.

Anthony suggested a joint Arts showcase between ConneXions and Roots & Branches as a way to promote and recruit students for their schools.

A McLean (Independence): 2 staff vacancies: 0.5 Spanish, 1 SPED vacancy. Counselor has been hired. School is overenrolled by 7 additional students. Consultant visits the school and observe best practices. One suspension took place today.

Open House Dates: November 14th, December 12th (9-11 a.m.).

Elijah mentioned said consultant group is to ensure school is following corrective action plan.

94% attendance rate in September and October is around 90%.

ConneXions and Independence will collaborate on PD for both staff.

College visits have begun.

100% of students who need recovery classes are now enrolled.

Mentoring program is created where students interview adults to be their mentee.

6:32 Executive Director Report

- Review BTN gala and consider profit and costs
- Courageous Conversation needs promotion on November 12th
- BTN space can be used for staff PD
- Independence trip was successful at Sandy Cove
- Newsletter is out and new additions. BTN will publish any article.

- SGA elections will be held on November 3rd.
- Michael Plummer shared his report

6:47

Matt postponed school breakout sessions until November.

Elijah requested BTN send letters of thank to Chris Hollen and Mayor Pugh. Matt will draft letter.

6:51 BTN went into closed session.

8:00 BTN ended closed session. Board provided Elijah (ED) with next action steps.