



# Bronzeville Academy Charter School

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## Board Minutes for the Bronzeville Academy Charter School June 12, 2023

### Board members in Attendance

L. Jefferson  
J. Thornton  
L. Miller

### Board members not in Attendance

S. Barton  
W. Franklin

### Also Present:

A. Boutte  
Principal S. Dixon  
D. Ireland

Jefferson calls to Order the Board meeting

L. Miller calls for **Roll Call**

Jefferson recites **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comments:** Jefferson request  
No members of the public offered any comments.

**Principal's Report:** Jefferson requests and presented by Principal Dixon. Spoke to execution of graduation and EOY testing. Presented numbers for Social worker and Discipline referrals individually broken down by month. Spoke to the efforts to prepare for summer school. Presents the 2023/24 Calendar for review. Addressed the 2020-21 ISBE annual review of the school.

L. Jefferson request for the CEO Report

**CMO/CEO Report:** Presented by A. Boutte. Spoke to the end of the school year activities and preparation of the school campus for summer months. Discussion included details of graduation trips and efforts to improve attendance goals for the final quarter. Jack and Jill Lake Shore donated a reading area to the school library. Silver Room Block Party donated scholarship funds to two of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates which they presented at graduation. Spoke to efforts for the ISBE charter renewal and the due date for it. D. Ireland spoke to issues related to the 2023-24 budget and presented for feedback from Board members.

**Executive Session:** L. Jefferson made motion to enter Executive Session. J. Thornton seconded the motion. Board members went into Executive Session.

**Action Items related to Executive Session:** L. Jefferson made a motion to Approve Action Items related to Executive Session. Motion was seconded by J. Thornton. Jefferson and Thornton vote YES. L. Miller voted Present.

**Meeting Adjourned:** L. Jefferson makes a **motion to adjourn** the meeting. J. Thornton gives a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jefferson, Miller and Thornton vote YES to adjourn the meeting.



**Principal Board Report**

**June 9, 2023**

**Simcha Baker-Dixon, Principal**

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**Highlights**

**Kindergarten Graduation**



**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance/Award Ceremony**



**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation**



**Field Day**

**Enrollment – 340**

**Teaching & Learning**

- NWEA EOY Testing conclude May 26, 2023 (data [attached](#))
- IAR Primary Results ([attached](#))
- Annual Performance Review 21-22SY ([attached](#))

***Cultivating a Culture of Innovation & Transformation***



- Open Instructional Positions 23-24SY
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (2 teachers)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (1 teacher)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (1 teacher)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (2 teachers)
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (1 teacher)
  - Physical/Heath
  - Dance/Drama
  - Special Education
  - Art
- Summer Academy June 20 through July 21<sup>st</sup>
  - 135 students. K-8<sup>th</sup>

### **Culture & Climate**

- SEL Support
  - Full Time Social Worker with 2 full time interns
  - Daily SEL classes

#### **Social Worker Referrals**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Total Number</b>
August	3
September	3
October	10
November	7
December	5
January	4
February	2
March	3
April	0
May	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>



**Student Referrals & Suspensions**

Month	# Referrals	# of In-School Suspensions	# of Out of School Suspensions
August	0	0	0
September	10	4	2
October	23	7	5
November	25	5	3
December	22	8	5
January	18	6	2
February	23	10	6
March	30	15	6
April	33	20	8
May	52	13	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>52</b>

**Diverse Learners/Special Education (16.8%)**

- Director of Special Education [Rebecca Parker](#)
- Case Manager - [Kimberly Washington](#)
- DLM Testing 100%
- Current IEP Compliance: 100%
- Current total number of enrolled students with an IEP/504: 57
  - Students with IEP: 41
  - Current number of enrolled students with a 504: 16
- Number of students in the queue for IEP evaluation: 0
- Number of students in the queue for 504 evaluations: 0
- Current Staff
  - 2.5 Special Education Teachers - Grade Bands K-3, 4-6, 7-8
  - 1 vacancy in Grade band 7-8
  - Case Manager will also support Grades K-6 Instruction
  - Related Service Providers: Fully Staffed
  - Medical Compliance - As of June 7, 2023
    - 60.76% compliance with immunizations (All grades)
    - 58.77% compliance with dental (Grades K, 2, and 6)
    - 6.0% compliance with eye examinations (Grade K only)
    - 72.34% compliance with physical examinations (Grades K and 6)
    - 57 scholars received immunizations and physicals through Friend Health during SY22-23.
    - Collaboration with Friend Health will continue in SY23-24.
    - 2nd Dental Van Visit with free dental examinations for scholars took place on May 3, 2023 - 67 scholars supported.
- Transportation



- Diverse Learners: 11
- Total Students: 48
- A waitlist has been created for SY23-24 riders; parents will be notified of the status over the summer months.

### **Technology**

- **Student Chromebooks: 394**
- **Staff Devices: 33**

#### **The Good:**

- Securly software helped tremendously with student device monitoring. It allows us to monitor the online history of all students much better, allows teachers to be able to monitor computer time better, and allows us to lock down and track down lost or stolen devices easily. Alerts are also sent to us immediately when a student searches anything disturbing.
- Not many student devices were broken this year compared to previous years.
- Overall response rate and issue resolution for tech issues has been fast.
- Audio setup for events in the gym has been streamlined.

#### **Needs Improvement (working on over the summer):**

- More robust policies are needed for both students and staff.
- Asset management needs to be improved, specifically for smaller accessories such as hotspots.
- Tracking of supply levels for things such as printer toner needs improvement.
- Checking to see if student devices are being used at home needs to happen more frequently. A weekly schedule will be created as a reminder.
- Looking into acquiring device insurance.
- Improved staff technology training.
- Possible incentive programs for students who keep their devices in good condition.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Summer Academy

Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Board Consideration:**

23-24SY Calendar (see attached)