

**Baxter Academies of Maine Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 14, 2014 – 7PM**  
**54 York Street, Portland, Maine**

Present: Alison Crean Davis, Ruth Dean, Kelli Pryor, Peter Montano,  
Carl Stasio (Executive Director)

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Ruth Dean made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Peter Montano seconded the motion.  
Unanimously approved by the board.

Katelyn Virmalo, a current Baxter teacher, introduced the Board to two freshman who are working on a mural for their Flex Friday project. The two students shared the planning and research that went into this project, and shared the final design with the board for approval. The mural would be painted in the main stairwell for maximum exposure.

Alison Crean Davis made a motion to approve this mural be done by this project team. Kelli Pryor seconded the motion.  
Unanimously approved by the board.

Katelyn Virmalo also gave an update on the Publication Class. They will print their Art and Literary Magazine in-house. The Yearbook research is still ongoing – the Yearbook committee is not yet sure of the costs, but will update the Board when they are known.

Kelli Pryor gave a chair's report, which included:

Baxter received notice from the Charter Commission regarding the date for the final annual visit/review. It is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Also received from the commission was a ratified version of their 90-day visit summary from November. The document will be posted on the website.

Enrollment for the 2014-15 school year opened on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. As of Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, Baxter has received online applications from 66 applicants. These 66 applicants represent 24 communities, with less than 10% beyond catchment area. The current enrollment is at 135.

The new semester begins Jan 27<sup>th</sup>.

Carl Stasio gave an Executive Director's Report, which included:

Next year's goal for enrollment is 230, which is within charter contract. This number includes 85 new freshmen.

Baxter is looking at additional revenue services. Carl is working on two grants ranging from \$20,000 to \$250,000. Two small grants were recently received from Teens to Trails Program & The Maine Community Foundation.

The board meeting was then opened for a Public Discussion; there were no questions or comments.

Kelli Pryor moved that the board proceed to an executive session for consultation with the school's attorney concerning a proposed new foundation, as permitted by the Freedom of Access Act, section 405, paragraph (6)(E). Peter Montano second. Unanimously approved by the board.

The public session of the meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

At 8:37 pm, Peter Montano motioned to leave Executive Session and conclude the board meeting. Allison Crean Davis seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by the board.