

Baxter Academies of Maine Board Meeting  
February 11, 2014 - 5:30-7pm  
54 York Street, Portland, Maine

Present: Peter Montano, Kelli Pryor, Ruth Dean, Carl Stasio, Peter Morrison

Absent: Allison Crean Davis

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

Kelli Pryor made a motion to accept the minutes from the last board meeting on January 8, 2014.

Peter Montano seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved by the board.

Kelli Pryor gave the Chair report. It included:

Baxter has received 102 applications for next year's enrollment. The applicants come from 36 towns and cities. 45% of applicants are female, 55% male.

A lottery is likely to take place on March 5th to determine next year's student body. Location has not been secured.

A fundraising event that benefits Flex Friday projects is scheduled for Friday, April 11th at the Maine Irish Heritage Center.

Carl Stasio gave the Executive Director's report. Carl discussed the following:

A fun and productive day took place with students at the Hall of Flags in Augusta with state legislatures.

The Fisher Charitable Grant is complete and has been submitted for review.

Adam Burk has begun research on the Next Generation Foundation of Maine for possible grant opportunities.

The board discussed the importance of continuing to strengthen its strategic and development plans to be more competitive when competing for grant money.

The Charter Commission is considering 3 new charter applications for the 2014-15 school year.

Shanna Guevin gave an update on the operating budget. It is projected that there will be a \$280,000 surplus for June 30, 2014.

Adam Burk updated the Board on facilities and renovations. It included: The upstairs renovations are on going and a completion date is scheduled for February 19th.

The basement buildout continues to be discussed. Preliminary plans for the basement are to have 3 classrooms, a computer lab and a fabrication lab.

It is expected that by September 1, 2014, the building will be completely built out and fully occupied by Baxter.

Discussion occurred amongst the board about potential options being considered for alternative space outside of 54 York Street for the 2015-16 school year.

Peter Morrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ruth Dean seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved by the board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.