

## FTU February 20, 2020 Minutes

Moderated by Mr. Bond

Faculty and Staff in attendance:

Dr. Gamber, Dr. Oray, Mrs. Townes

SY21 Budget Presentation: Dr. Gamber

Please see the email sent from Dr. Gamber for the complete presentation.

A few excerpts from the presentation:

What's Important to our School Community?

(Distilled from faculty, student, and family feedback)

- Early college courses and faculty
- Robust counseling department with mental health supports
- CTO/college advising program
- Smaller class sizes (ideally 20-22 students)
- Adequate funding for art and science lab supplies, and for Year 1s and 2s to have their own copies of Seminar texts
- A longer summer bridge program in 20-21 that includes more focus on writing and math competencies
- College-level library databases/resources
- Admissions staff/resources that reach all corners of the city
- Funding for faculty research/conferences and training on equity and restorative practices
- Funding to take Year 1s to Bard College and on the college trip
- Alternative teacher certification program so we can hire people from higher education

### Resources

1. SY21 Charter per pupil allocation: \$9,112 (down from \$9,199 in SY20)
2. Projected enrollment: 450
3. Total funding available: \$4,100,400 + \$108,821 for students with disabilities (decrease of \$48,349 + \$11,944 from FY20)

### Costs and Fees

- Personnel (salary + fringe): \$3,405,658 (no reduction in force)
- School nurse: \$13,000
- Tuition reimbursement: \$11,250
- Sick leave conversion: ?
- Summer IEP meetings: \$538
- College Board fees for SAT administration: \$7,282.50

[\$26.50 x 225 Year 1s/2s for school day SAT = \$5,962.5]

[\$11 x 120 10th graders for PSAT = \$1,320] **it has been requested that the 9th graders also take the psat**

Today at Bard:

- Progress reports will be distributed the first week of March
- There has been a reduction in the student failure rate
- A dedicated FTU email address as been requested and granted to use for all FTU business
- The request for FTU officers has been approved. What the officers will be and their duties are now being composed. Please send suggestions to Mr. Bond  
mbond@bhsec.bard.edu
- Family night will be in late March from 6 to 8 pm. Details to follow.

**Our school, like others around the city, continues to monitor the coronavirus outbreak and out of an abundance of precaution, we have decided to cancel The Family Night Game Night that was scheduled for the end of the month.**

Join us if you can for the school board meeting on Tuesday at 5 p.m. at North Avenue. The board is making its final vote on our contract renewal, and we just got confirmation that the Office of New Initiatives will be recommending a five-year renewal. \*Update: our five year renewal has been approved!

Upcoming dates:

February 25: School board vote on Bard's contract renewal

March 4: Early release day

March 2- March 16: Bard Gear Online Sale <https://fancloth.shop/BSRUN>

March 15: Submissions for Year 2 student commencement speech due

March 25: School day SAT for Year 1s