



Side by Side Board Meeting

Final Minutes

April 23, 2019

Roll Call:

Members of the Board in Attendance: Anne Dichele, Nell Conroy, Matthew Nittoly, Jessica Garnett, Adam Norris, Josh Dichele, Kim Mendola, Jennifer Healy, Kristie Guevremont, Nicole Shagoury, Steven Ferguson, Larry Cafero, Sally Davids

Public Session: none

Call to Order: Anne calls to order at 5:31

Review of Minutes

- Motion by Adam to discuss minutes, Steve Ferguson seconds

New Business

- Discussion about Board commitment and meeting times
 - There will be a high level of turnover next year
 - Board plays a large role in a charter school in lieu of a superintendent and district leadership
 - Would there be a better time for board meetings
- Discussion of potential new board members
 - All candidates have experience in the educational field
 - There will be 3 community member vacancies
 - Joanna and Anthony will be invited to the next meeting to speak to the board
 - Members should come prepared with meaningful questions for the candidates
 - Members will continue to reach out to potential candidates
- Discussion of ideas for board fundraisers
 - Setting dates for Fun Run, Fall Fundraiser, and Spring Fundraiser
 - Fun Run date is set for Monday November 11 kick-off
 - Official Run is Friday November 22
 - There will be a Fun Run and Spring Fundraiser next year
- Vision Discussion based on Town Hall
 - Based on discussions, survey questions were developed

- The next step will be for Jessica to send the questions to the board and the staff will also discuss certain points

Reports

Director's Update

Curriculum/Instruction:

- April is a busy month for both curriculum and assessment:
- The Common Ground artist residency wrapped up the week before break, with students designing "Mon-you-ments" to memorialize their generation. Starting with some models of contemporary "monuments" that don't necessarily commemorate an event but rather things that are more intangible, students designed monuments reflecting technology and posthumanism, hip hop culture, sports, a multi-holiday Rockefeller Center Christmas tree, and a board game.
- Also in April, 8th grade students have continued working on their Haiti projects, and today had an architect visit the class to talk about building design.
- State standardized testing officially begins April 24th with the first official administration of the new Next Generation Science assessment being taken by grades 5 and 8 students on April 24th and 25th. English Language Arts SBAC will begin April 30th.

Facilities update:

- The new staff room renovation in the main building is complete (with the exception of some new furniture). There were 5 change orders totaling \$4,050. The total cost of the project is \$43,550 (not including furniture).
- FACILITIES GRANT RFP:
SBS application was submitted in January 2019; Application included requests for 9 projects totaling \$536,510
On April 16 we received notice of approval for 5 projects totaling \$268,922
APPROVED:
Staff Room renovation: \$41,580
New electrical service: \$37,663
New exterior doors: \$12,870
Main building A/C replacements: \$147,109
Main building new floor system: \$2,700
NOT-APPROVED:
New water fountains/hydration centers: \$23,000
New window replacements: \$213,000
Renovated front façade wall: \$15,000
New digital clock/communications system: \$17,000
Revised budget form and gift affidavit form are due back by May 3. At this time, the communication from CSDE represents an approval only and not official funding. The CSDE will begin petitioning the bonding commission to release the bonded funds effective immediately. The April meeting has been postponed. There is no clear timetable for when to anticipate the funding. It is the intent of CSDE to issue another RFP in 2020.
- ST Joseph's Church has agreed to pay Change Order #36 ("New overflow drain pipe") for the new building construction project in the amount of \$16,595

- Staffing:
 - We are in the process of seeking 3 new teachers for our faculty: PreK; Grade 3 and US ELA
 - Hiring committees have been formed with teachers, admin and parents for each vacancy and

PTCO Update

- Spring Fling is on Saturday April 27
- My Three Sons event was well attended and well-liked by all

Finance Committee

- Line 1200 is down to 0
- Favorable \$65,032 to budget

Fundraising Committee

- Fun Run date is set for Monday November 11 kick-off
 - Official Run is Friday November 22
 - The upfront cost is \$2,000

Agenda for May 28, 2019

Roll Call

Public Session

Call to Order

Review of Minutes

New Business

- Community Member Visits
- Town Hall Meeting Discussion
- Budget

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Fundraising Committee

Motion to adjourn Josh and Adam at 7:15pm