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Minutes–Board of Trustees Meeting

November 18, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

In-person: John Callahan

By Zoom Conferencing: Rick Marsico, Denis ORourke, Sarah Fuentes, Dan Sang, Jumaane Saunders, Janine Azrilliant, Charmone Adams

Absent: Linnet Tse

In person-Executive Director Richard Burke and Ms. Sharpe, Dir. SPED, Socrates Solano, parent

Welcome and Call to Order- Mr. John Callahan welcomed and called the Meeting to Order at 6:05 PM, thanked everyone for attending. Mr. Callahan thanked Sara Richmond from BSK, our attorney, for her Board Development presentation on the "open meeting law" and requirements associated with SPeD and IEP's.

Mr. Callahan asked if anyone had any questions about Consent Agenda.

There was no discussion; Mr. Callahan introduced Socrates Solano, a parent of an 11th grader and prospective board member. Mr. Callahan said he would speak during new business. Mr. Callahan turned it over to Mr. Burke, who moved to review the Financials. He stated that the Finance Committee had met on November 16 and reviewed all the financials.

Financials-

Mr. Burke began reviewing the financials and shared his screen. Mr. Burke said that our finances are in good shape with 167 days of cash on hand. Mr. Burke stated that the October financials showed a deficit because the per-pupil number had decreased temporarily due to some upper-class students being pulled by other schools and our 9th graders not yet showing up on our rosters. These numbers would be resolved, and we would have approximately 443 students, and any past funds would be caught up.

Executive Director Report:

Mr. Burke moved into the Dashboard and reviewed the data. Mr. Burke talked about the teacher evaluations finishing up, interim assessments being held, report cards, and Parent-Teacher conferences that will be held in the coming days. He reviewed that the enrollment is 441. He mentioned that Sarah Fuentes would speak about the Academic Committee held this month.



Chairman Report –

Mr. Callahan then called for Committee Reports-

Finance-Mr. Callahan reported that we had discussed the Finance Committee earlier, and there was a meeting this past Tuesday.

Governance- Mr. Callahan said it would meet in December.

Academic Committee- Ms. Fuentes talked about the positive meeting with Shared Space reviewing their walkthrough and answering the Academic Committee questions. Ms. Fuentes discussed the significant challenges and how these compared to other schools they are working with. She spoke to the teacher shortage and the social-emotional state of students. The Board should use its contact to look for literacy teachers or support as a positive board action. With 80% of the students, 2-6 yrs behind the school needs that support, and the Board is aware that recruitment is complicated, so if any board members have contacts in this field, please reach out. Ms. Fuentes said that the school seemed to be making better progress than other schools they had been seeing.

Fundraising Committee-Mr. Burke reported that the Annual Report was written and ready to mail out before Christmas. He shared his screen showing the draft report.

New Business: Mr. Callahan mentioned that the new business was to give Mr. Solano a chance to introduce himself and talk about his background and view of a parent being on the Board. Mr. Solano spoke for about 10 minutes.

Mr. O'Rourke moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Azriliant, and approved at 7:40 PM.

Next Meeting: December 16, 2021, 6:00 PM.



John Callahan