



**Side by Side Board Meeting
April 24, 2018**

APPROVED MINUTES

I. Roll Call

A. Members of the board in Attendance: Anne Dichele, Matt Nittoly, Adam Norris, Nicole Shargoury, Jimi Napoli, Sally Davids, Kimberly Grimm, Larry Cafero, Jennifer Healy, Kristie Guevremont, Nell Conroy,

B. Absent: Steve Ferguson, Steve Stone

II. Public Session

None

III. Call to Order

A. Anne at 5:30

IV. Review of Minutes

A. Motion from Larry, second by Jen

B. No changes

C. Move to approved by Kristie

V. New Business

Board members position was discussed. Matt concern on filling Community Seats as members are leaving as terms expire. Primary purpose of the board is the governance running of the school and is nervous to not have a solid board with experience. There should always be at least one attorney and one finance person on the board. Anne requesting staggered rotation so an equal amount of seats become available after each year.

VI Reports

Director Update:

I. Testing, Teaching and Learning...

Some exciting updates:

- Testing is underway!
- In response to recent reading assessment data, teachers in grades K-2, as well as Title I and Special Education are currently immersed in an off-site/on-site hybrid PD series with CSDE called READ CONN that is designed to improve our ability to meet the needs of our youngest readers
- On May 21st, we will celebrate the launch of year-long technology integration initiative with Capitol Region Educational Services and our Pre-K through 8 teachers. Besides beginning a transition to chromebooks (for all teachers) and Google docs, teachers will be trained in digital story telling and the applications SeeSaw and Nearpod which will enhance student engagement, support student portfolio compilations, and create rich student/teacher/parent digital sharing environments

II. NAEYC: SBS PreK accreditation

Our site visit took place on Thursday, April 19. The daylong visit consisted of classroom observations and a comprehensive review of our classroom and program portfolios. The official decision for accreditation is due within the next 90 days. Stay tuned.

III. SBS Chosen to Participate in CSDE sponsored focus group on academic growth

“The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has identified Side By Side Charter School as a school that is demonstrating good academic growth on the Smarter Balanced assessments. CSDE staff and your peers in districts throughout the state are interested in learning more about the local policies, practices, strategies, and systems that may be contributing to the school's success. To that end, the CSDE is convening a small group of about 15 schools with good growth results for a facilitated discussion; we want to learn directly from the practitioners who are championing the work on a daily basis as to what really works and why. Our goal is to summarize what we learn from this group into a user-friendly compendium and share that with others across the state. We would very much appreciate if you would support us in this effort.”

Finance Committee

Balance sheet – Assets: received payment from the State which increased account #1035 FCB-Annex Project

Liabilities: #2000 Accounts payable decreased as drawn for Annex project. Its high historically because contractor A.V. Tuchy invoices end of month.

P&L - 4110 Special Education was way under because of timing, its has now been posted so more on track

6200A Health insurance still a big favorable for new hire declining coverage

6400B4 Heating favorable but waiting for billing from last fill.

6400F Equipment repair and maintenance is unfavorable because of heating system repair in the gym.

Bottom line – all going smoothly.

PTCO Update

Planning Spring Fling at St. Phillips Church May 19th. Bounce house and 3 food trucks. Rain date next weekend.

Fundraising Report

Gala is Friday. RSVP hovering 100. Baskets have been completed by Josh and Anne

New ideas requested for next year vs no Gala.

Motion to adjourn by Jimi second by Nicolle

VIII. Set agenda for meeting 5/22 at 5:15pm

Roll Call

Public Session

Call to Order

Review of Minutes

New Business BUDGET

Reports

Directors Update

Curriculum Update

PTCO Update

Finance Committee

Building Committee

Fundraising Committee

Executive Session

Set Agenda for Following Meeting.