



SIDE BY SIDE
CHARTER SCHOOL

Side by Side Board Meeting
May 17, 2016

APPROVED MINUTES

I. Roll Call

A. Members of the board in Attendance: Anne Dichele, Matt Nittoly, Adam Norris, Jimi Napoli, Mary Newbery, Steve Ferguson, Nicole Shargoury, Joy DeJaeger, Sally Davids, Bill Murphy, Cassie Bourgeois, Kimberly Grimm, Cathy Cappellieri

B. Members Absent, Larry Cafero, Chris Berich

I. Public Session

None

III. Call to Order

A. Anne at 5:30

IV. Review of Minutes

A. Motion from Jimi, second by Joy

B. No changes

C. Move to accept by Adam, minutes approved

V. New Business

Interview Josh Dichele for Community Seat.

Josh questioned by the Board regarding what he has to offer to the board. Josh elaborated on his marketing background and comfort in a variety of social media concepts. Josh feels comfortable with other duties of the board. A discussion continued regarding family relationship with Board Chair and if there would be any conflict in the future in fulfilling board duties and both Josh and Anne did not feel that would materialize though both agreed to recuse themselves in any vote if deemed needed. A vote was taken upon Josh's departure and he was unanimously voted in as a Community Member.

Announcement that Joy was elected by parent body to fill parent seat. There was an error in the initial election ballot requesting parents to vote for only one representative instead of selecting two so to fill both vacancies. A second ballot was distributed to the parent body requesting one additional vote of the balance two candidates with election tabulation to take place after the Memorial Day weekend.

VI Reports

Directors Update

I. **CT State Budget passed on 5/13/16: (some highlights as they pertain to CT Charters)**

- *Per pupil to remain at \$11,000 per child*
- *School security grant extended to June 2017 to include reimbursement for state charters*
- *A bill requiring the disclosure of certain education personnel records (details not yet available)*

II. **Gala**

The SBS Gala was one of the most profitable ever netting nearly \$22K+. We had 100 guests in attendance and have received a lot of favorable feedback. Thank you to all of those who helped and/or attended, especially Anne Dichele, Cathy Cappellieri and Evelyn Quigley

III. **Annual Enrollment Lottery**

The SBS lottery took place on Wed. 4/27 at 5pm. PreK slots will be immediately offered after sibling spots are finished. All remaining slots will be offered once it is determined if a vacancy is definite

The Exc Director would like to request that the Board revisit the process for the actual lottery drawing and is recommending that a third party is appointed by the Board to run the lottery.

IV. **Facilities/Building update:** (Matt, Kim, Larry)

Meeting took place on 5/5 with Jack Glancy from Vanguard Modulars.
(Summary from Kim G.)

V. **News and notes:** (Chris Berich)

- In conjunction with their study of the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights," the SBS 5th grade partnered with the Norwalk Human Rights Commission (NHRC) for a ceremony on Friday, May 13. Led by Mr. Berich, the 5th Grade launched a new Peace Garden outside of the school's entrance to commemorate the importance of Human Rights. The International Human Rights Day event was led by NHRC and Norwalk Mayor, Harry Rilling.

VI. **Curriculum & Learning Update:** (Mary)

- **SBAC testing:** SBAC testing is complete at Side By Side. We should receive our results sometime over the summer, and prior to the 2016-2017 school year. Ideally, we will receive them in time to aid us in instructional planning for next year.
- **MAP testing:** Spring MAP testing is currently underway. As soon as this testing is complete, students will celebrate with an ice cream party.
- **Artist in residence:** British artist Peter Liversidge spent a week with our 7th graders working on an installation that is based upon his "Signs" projects. This week included a parent night where the artist engaged with families as they generated text for the project. This collaborative body of work will be installed by Peter, students and their families July 9th at

the Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art as part of his current installation which will be on view until February 2017. The Side By Side community is invited; invitations forthcoming.

- National Endowment for the Arts: Currently, I am working on a grant with the Aldrich that will be submitted in Side By Side's name to the National Endowment For the Arts (NEA). The grant request will be in the amount of 10-12K, and will go toward a school wide collaboration estimated at 20-24K total, with the remainder of the funds coming from other grant sources. The project is an effort to take the principles and practices of the artist residency and expand this vision to the lower grades. While it is not expected to include a residency, the focus will be on process focused learning that engages students in hands on, real world applications of the new Science, Engineering and Math standards while engaging with the creativity that art lenses afford. Professional development for teachers will also be a key focus.

Facilities/Building update:

See Directors Update

Finance Committee

Adam reported on current standings and advised not much change from previous month and all is close to budget.

One note on PL Gala revenues allocation that will be corrected in next month's statements.

Next year's proposed budget, formulated by the Finance Committee, was distributed. Small discussion over proposed budget with request for board to review and forward questions to Finance Committee. Budget will be discussed and voted on in the June meeting.

PTCO Update

No Update

Fundraising

See Directors Update

VIII. Set agenda for 6/14 meeting at 4:30pm

Roll Call

Public Session

Call to Order

Review of Minutes

New Business, Board Election results, Budget discussion and approval.

Reports

Directors Update

PTCO Update

Finance Committee

Facilities Committee

Fundraising Committee

Executive Session

Adjourn - motioned by Kim, second my Mary