



Side by Side Board Meeting

Minutes
March 26, 2019

Roll Call

Members of the Board in Attendance: Anne Dichele, Nell Conroy, Matthew Nittoly, Jessica Garnett, Adam Norris, Josh Dichele, Kim Mendola, Stephen Stone, Jennifer Healy, Kristie Guevremont, Nicole Shagoury

Members Absent: Steven Ferguson, Larry Cafero, Sally Davids

Public Session: none

Call to Order

- Anne calls to order 5:33

Review of Minutes

- Motion by Adam to accept minutes, second by Josh.

New Business

- New Board Members
 - New community members process
 - Request the resume, share with the board, invite the person to speak with the board, then make a decision as a board
 - 3 community members expiring, target is 5-7 community members
 - 2 teacher members expiring
 - 2 parent members expiring

Reports

Director's Update

- I. **Curriculum/Instruction:**
 - Teachers and students are preparing for SBAC testing, which will begin in late April. Besides being sure that topics covered earlier in the year are reviewed, teachers are giving students extra practice with solving complex math problems and synthesizing meanings from multiple texts.

- Teachers also continue to develop their skills around technology integration using Nearpod and Seesaw, and they will have two new professional development sessions around this important initiative between now and the end of the school year.
- On April 5th the 7th graders will begin their artist residency with returning artist Jean-Marc Superville-Sovak with a visit to the Aldrich. The two primary installations this spring are the work of feminist artist Harmony Hammond, and works shared by an art collective Community Partners in Action entitled "How Art Changed the Prison." For their on-site project, which will take place the week of April 8th, students and Jean-Marc will explore the possibilities of art as collective in the context of Side By Side, exploring the question. "How does/can art enhance the community?" Other highlights from the past month/upcoming events:

II. **Facilities update:**

- The School Construction Grant for the new Upper School building is officially closed. Side by Side will have received \$4,100,448 via this grant to support the \$4.2mil project. (11% holdback payment of \$362K is in process)
- The new staff room renovation in the main building is nearing completion. Only remaining piece is installation of new cabinetry.

PTCO Update

- Monday Fundraiser at Burger Bar a few weeks ago
 - There was a takeout option that was the most popular
- Spring Fling
 - In the works

Finance Committee

- Balance Sheet
 - Line 1203
- Income Sheet
 - Favorable balance due to facilities grant and Culpepper grant
 - Expenses- line 6200 favorable, line 6890 unfavorable
 - Still favorable to budget by about \$70,000
- Teacher Salary Contracts
 - New schedule created every 3 years

Fundraising Committee

- Fun Run has been planned for the fall of 2019
 - There is a contract for review and signature
 - Kick off is November 11 and the run is November 22
- Town Hall
 - Next step is to look at the list and create a survey to narrow
 - Thinking about what items are short term and what are longer term
 - Organizing the town hall ideas into vision categories

Nell motions to adjourn, Nell seconds at 6:41 pm.

Set Agenda for next meeting April 23, 2019

New Business

- Discussion about Board commitment and meeting times
- Discussion of potential new board members
- Discussion of ideas for board fundraisers
 - Setting dates for Fun Run, Fall Fundraiser, and Spring Fundraiser
- Vision Discussion based on Town Hall