SBS Board of Directors meeting
Tuesday November 24, 2020
APPROVED Minutes

Roll Call: Members of the board in attendance: Larry Cafero, Nicole Shagoury, Sally Davids, Matthew Nittoly, Ivy McFadden, Jessica Garnett, Anthony Pavia, Adam Norris, Kim Mendola

Members Absent: Steven Ferguson, Nell Conroy, Ewa Derlukiewicz, Kim Grimm

Public Session: No comments

Call to Order: Larry called to order at 5:19PM

New Business:

1. **Approval of minutes** from October 27, 2020 Motioned by Jessica 2nd by Sally- -- Approved Unanimously

Director's Update

1. COVID-19 update:

· SBS changed to full remote for all grades effective 11/10/20

· Re-Opening to hybrid is targeted for January 4, but will only occur if school community COVID data and trends show improvement

· Strong possibility that this can last longer into the winter

• Positive cases and spread of COVID-19 within the SBS school community has significantly increased since the start of November. (Officially 6 confirmed student cases and 2 confirmed/reported staff cases have been reported. However, more than 25 reported "household" cases.

• Managing staffing deficits, test results, required quarantining, contact-tracing and communication has become a significant disruption to the educational process at SBS

• The city of Norwalk has been in RED-ALERT status for more than 4 weeks now. As per the Side by Side "Fall Re-Opening Plan 2020"; a designation of red indicating high-level of spread will result in transitioning to increased distance learning at Side by Side

Most important, this decision is being made with the health, safety and physical & mental well-being of all students, staff and families of the Side by Side community. While we understand that there are concerns about your child's instructional program, we are in a much better place than we were in the spring. We have more devices, streaming equipment, and expertise than we had in the spring. We are confident we will continue to provide a high quality instructional program to all of our students. Ultimately, we have to take a safety first approach. It is unfortunate and likely that the impact of COVID-19 is going to get worse before it improves.

It is urgent that we continue to monitor all spread data amongst the school community, even during this period of remote, distance learning. All families have been urged to contact our school Nurse, Maria, immediately with any information related to a positive COVID case.

2. **Curriculum/Instruction:**

· Administrative staff reporting; some schedules staggered

· Teachers are instructing from classrooms at least 2 days/week

· Remote attendance has improved since having all students remote

· Professional Development: all new hires, including Interventionists are being trained in our Balanced Literacy model through Literacy How (Margie Gillis)

Finance Update- Adam reviewed the Balance Sheet, P & L Statements and updated the board on any changes.

Meeting adjourned 5:50 pm Motioned by Larry.

Agenda for 5:15pm Tuesday December 22 2020:

Roll Call
Public Session
Call to Order

Action Items:
-Review/Approval of Minutes

Director's Update

Finance Update

*New action items will be posted within a week of the board meeting