SBS Board of Directors meeting
Tuesday March 23, 2021
APPROVED Minutes

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

Others present:

Members Absent:, Steve Ferguson

Public Session: n/a

Call to Order: Larry called to order at 5:16PM

New Business:

1. **Approval of minutes** from February 23, 2021 Motioned by Sally 2nd by Nell - Approved

Director's Update:

I. COVID-19 update:

a. Full School Reopening effective Monday, March 29, 2021

- ✓ SBS will be re-opening for full-time school for all PreK-8 students effective Monday, March 29, 2021
- ✓ Revised/new "reopening" procedures and policies in process to address full capacity of students
- ✓ Additional plexiglass shields and tables for classrooms are in place.
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b. Vaccine for School personnel

- ✓ All SBS employees were provided an opportunity to get vaccinated at a private clinic for school personnel only through the Norwalk Dept. of Health in early March.
- ✓ The majority of all SBS employees have received their first dose of a COVID vaccine on 3/3 and 3/5.
- ✓ Follow-up 2nd dose vaccines are scheduled for 3/31 and 4/5

II. ESSER II (Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds- ROUND II)

a. Side By Side is scheduled to receive a grant award in the amount of $215K to address learning acceleration and recovery as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic Grant application process has been started. Application is due by 4/19

III. SBS Student Assessments

The federal (COVID) waiver regarding administration of state assessments for students was not renewed. Therefore, in accordance with federal and state law, all students in grades 3-8 will be assessed again this spring. At SBS, grades 3-8 will take the SBA (Smarter Balanced Assessment) ; an individual adaptive computer based assessment in ELA and Math. Similarly, students in grades 5 and 8 only will also take the NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards) Assessment.

Tentative Schedule:

- SBA in English/Language Arts: Wee of April 23
- Mathematics: Week of May 10 and 17
- NGSS (5 and 8 only): Week of May 1

In preparation for full-return to school, teacher data teams are looking at mid-year achievement data, both NWEA MAP and classroom based assessments, in order to individualize student support for the remainder of the year. For students who have demonstrated significant learning loss due to COVID-19, individualized learning plans are being developed. These plans will also be developed for students who participate in our summer program which is current "in-the-making." Progress monitoring will culminate in our final, June administration of the NWEA MAP assessments for all students in grades K-8. The goal is to minimize any learning gaps students' may have incurred prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Action Items

Motion to approve 2021-2022 calendar motioned by Jess 2nd by Nell- Approved Unanimously

Finance Review- Adam reviewed the finances.

Fundraising Discussion- The operation of the school is the first priority. New initiatives and projects are not a priority at this time. Some ideas that were shared include soliciting community members with connections to join the board at the upcoming elections.

Meeting adjourned 6:13 pm Motioned by Jessica , 2nd by Kim .

Agenda for 5:15pm Tuesday April 27, 2021

1. Roll Call
2. Public Session
3. Call to Order
4. Action Items:

-Review/Approval of March Minutes

- Board Election Review and update

5. Director’s Update
7. Finance Update
8. Adjourn