SBS Board of Directors meeting
Tuesday May 25, 2021
APPROVED Minutes

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

Others present: n/a

Members Absent:, Steve Ferguson

Public Session: n/a

Call to Order: Larry called to order at 5:20PM

New Business/ Action Items

1. **Approval of minutes** from April 27, 2021 Motioned by Jessica 2nd by Sally - Approved
2. **Vote on expired board members positions (**1 parent rep 2 community 1 teacher and 1 founder). Motion made by Nell, 2nd by Sally to extend the board terms for all board members for a year. – Approved Unanimously

Director's Update:

I. **COVID-19 update:**
The CT State Department of Education and Health have modified some of its policies regarding masks. For the remainder of the school year Side by Side (along with all CT schools) will continue to implement universal mask policies --which continue to **require the wearing of a mask inside a school building**. However, specific to outdoor settings at school masks will no longer be required **ONLY when students are actively moving around at recess or during physical activities**.

II. **ESSER II (Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds- ROUND II)**
   a. Side By Side has submitted a grant application for $215K of ESSER award funding
   b. Funding for 3 years of summer programming and staffing; Additional paraprofessional on school staff (tutoring); replacement servers for infrastructure; fall kick-off event to introduce service providers to families

III. **ESSER III (ESSER American Rescue Act- ARP)**
   a. A 3rd round of funding to support and sustain the original ESSER plan has recently been issued (application made available today). Side by Side is scheduled to receive an award of $484k. (i.e. After school programming., expanded school day student support and differentiation, and ongoing technology integration)

IV. **Curriculum and instruction update**

One of the challenges confronting teachers and school leadership throughout the past year is how to deliver high quality instruction and use timely assessment in order to monitor student progress toward grade level norms, despite disruptions to learning due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We are pleased to announce that the Buck foundation has provided us with reports on our mid-year student data in comparison to grade level norms and other charters in the state, and the news contained in this summative data is good. Even with the losses due to COVID, the majority of our students are meeting and surpassing grade level norms. This is a testament to how hard teachers have worked this past year, and the high quality of distance learning provided during hybrid and remote windows.

V. **Graduation/MISC**.
   a. **The last day of School for all students is Friday, June 18**
   b. **8th Grade Graduation:** The Side by Side 8th Grade Graduation ceremony will be held outdoors (In front of the Upper School) on Wednesday, June 16.
      i. Max 5 guests allowed per graduate. We will request RSVP from graduates in advance and will have reserved seating only.
      ii. Masks will be required (with a few exceptions)

Larry notified the board that an Administrative Committee of community members will be formed to review Director's performance and make recommendations to the board.

Finance Update- Adam reviewed the Balance Sheet and P&L. Finances are in order.

Fundraising Update- Jessica discussed the fun run through Boosterthon to be held on Friday April 22nd.

Meeting adjourned 5:59 pm Motioned by Nell , 2nd by Kim .

Agenda for 5:15pm Tuesday June 15, 2021

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

-Review/Approval of May Minutes

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