SBS Board of Directors meeting
Tuesday September 8, 2020
APPROVED MINUTES

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

Others present: Mary Newbery
Members Absent: Adam Norris, Jessica Garnett

Public Session: No comments

Call to Order: Larry called to order at 5:22PM

New Business:

1. **Review of Board positions**
    a. Recommendation for all current board members to remain in current positions will be voted on at the next meeting.

Director's Update:

I. Official Re-Opening Plan submitted to CSDE on July 24, 2020 a. Three learning models: (1) in –person; (2) hybrid; (3) full-remote

II. Side by Side Opening on Hybrid model- fall 2020 a. In order to implement required mitigation strategies; adequate physical spacing; staffing

III. School calendar revised a. 177 student days (as per CSDE waiver); first day students September 8 b. 8 Professional days for staff; First day staff August 26

IV. The Hybrid Model at Side by Side a. Cohorts: All students (each class) broken into two groups; Cohort "A" and Cohort "B" (all students in school 2 days/week; remote learning at-home 3 days/week) i. Parent given option to select preferred cohort ii. Cohort "A" in school on Mon/Tue (at home Wed, Thur, Fri) iii. Cohort "B" in school on Thur/Fri (at home on Mon, Tue, Wed) iv. Wednesdays: school closed for students; Cleaning/Sanitization; Professional Development; Planning and outreach b. Full remote option: families given option to select full-time remote (approximately 17% chosen); students will be home full time

V. Remote At-Home Learning: a. Primarily asynchronous learning (with exception of service provisions); independent extension of work happening in school; video/interactive teacher lessons; check-in with teacher scheduled 10 Chestnut Street, Norwalk, CT 06854 (203) 857-0306/Fax (203) 838-2666 www.sbscharter.org b. (Anticipated October start) Live streaming on 2 of 3 “at-home” days so that cohorts will continue to interact and foster classroom community

VI. “Specials” classes (“Personal Wellness”) a. Limitations for music/Art/Phys Ed using hybrid model; students only in school 2 days/week; so, all specials now integrated to become “Personal Wellness” course. b. “Personal Wellness” will take place in homerooms or outdoors led by Music and PE instructors; will occur 1x per week. c. Specials will no longer be subject specific classes. Rather, this will now be a general course focused on students’ personal well-being d. The focus of this class period will at times continue to include Art, Music and Phys Ed….but it will also include activities related to mindfulness, healthy habits, self reflection and regulation, and de-stressing strategies for students’ minds and bodies.

VII. Revised “COVID” School operations a. Parents, guest and visitors will not be allowed in school until further notice. b. teachers only working with small groups of approximately 9-12 students at a time on any given day; during any given class period c. Classrooms look different—all classrooms are clear of all non-essential materials and furniture. There will be no SHARED materials allowed in the class. d. Social interaction amongst children and transitions will be limited—this is a TOP priority. The goal is for each cohort of 9-12 students to ONLY have access to their cohort of peers each and every day. e. Lunch will take place in classrooms f. Masks are ALWAYS be required by staff and students (except for scheduled breaks) g. Early Room and Extended Day after school programming will be available only for those students present in school on each given day h. Band lessons will be virtual on Wednesdays i. Digital curriculum platforms have been purchased for Math and Science—September

VIII. Devices: a. Survey used to determine needs of families with regards to devices and Internet capability at home. i. Phase I: (start of School 9/8): 95 school-owned Chromebooks will be assigned and distributed to students based on data collection ii. Phase II: (anticipated October): Specialized state assistance funding purchased 104 Chromebooks and 10 hotspots for Side by Side. iii. Plan for 1-to-1 program (each child K-8 has device) iv. Devices not provided to preK. School will begin looking into tablets v. Live streaming equipment anticipated for October delivery

Meeting adjourned 6:30pm

Agenda for 5:15pm Tuesday September 29th 2020:

Roll Call

Public Session

Call to Order

Review/Approval of Minutes

Action Items

1 vote on executive board remaining in position for another year

New Business

Director's Update

PTCO Update

Finance Committee

Fundraising Committee

1. Fundraiser

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