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CHARTER SCHOOL

November 29, 2022
Finalized Minutes

Present: Nell, Adam, Matt, Amanda, Stephanie, Ewa, Sally, Kim Grimm, Todd, Britnee
Absent:

Meeting began at 5:18 PM. Approved by Todd and Kim Grimm.

Director Update:

Staffing update:

Two paraprofessional position vacancies

Phys Ed vacancy (resignation effective 12/22/22)

PreK Teacher- LTS for maternity leave

Cheers & Beers Fundraiser

Approximately 100 people in attendance

Still being reconciled- early estimate approximately $6500

Teaching & Learning Update:

Start of 2nd Trimester:

Classrooms are busy as we move into the second trimester of the fall, 2022-2023 school year.

In grade 3, students are busy learning about measurement in math, and are learning to recognize patterns and make conclusions about data in their science unit. In particular, they are looking at color variations in mice habitats. The work done in early elementary school helps prepare our students for the challenging Next Generation Science Standards they encounter in upper elementary and middle school.

Grade 5/6 Ecology School Trip to Saco, ME:

This year, grades 5 and 6 tapped into their background knowledge as they explored new learning on their three night trip to The Ecology School in Saco, Maine. On this trip they participated in the “Battle of the Biotic,” where they explored the roles producers, consumers and decomposers play in the forest, their adaptations and needs for survival, and predator/prey relationships. A big hit was their study of “Our place in space,” where students explored the night sky as they learned about our solar system, galaxy and stars and made comparisons to the environments they have observed on Earth. This was an inaugural trip, and we hope to be able to make this an annual trek, with all students participating in two years of hands-on and environmental sustainability learning, and community building.

Fundraising

Cheers and Beers event: made $6,400

Public session: after 15 minutes, no member of the public attended

Ecology school trip: success
Middle school trips every year
Find something for 7th grade

Action items:

- No December board meeting, potential casual meeting but no official meeting
- Next official meeting will be on Tuesday January 24, 2023

Finance committee meeting: See Adam’s report

Fundraisers: FUNRUN booster thon - Todd will get more information and relay information

Meeting adjourned: Sally and Todd motioned to adjourn at 5:50 PM