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Board of Directors Meeting
September 26, 2023
APPROVED Minutes

Present: Larry Cafero, Stephanie Cecio, Amanda Gormley, Matt Nittoly, Deb Whelan, Chiara Askew-Oliver, Adam Norris, Kim Grimm, Britnee Henderson

Absent: Nell Conroy, Sally Davids, Ewa Derlukiewicz

Meeting called to order at 5:18 PM.

August minutes approved by Stephanie and Amanda.

Public Session

No members of the public were in attendance at this meeting.

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Director Update:

I. STAFFING UPDATE:

- We are currently seeking 3 positions:
  i. Upper School Teaching Assistant
  ii. Preschool Teaching Assistant
  iii. Parent Coordinator/Reception

II. ENROLLMENT:

We are currently at 236 for the 2023-24 school year. Our CSDE PSIS snapshot date is coming up on Friday, September 29th and we will report our enrollment breakdown as follows:

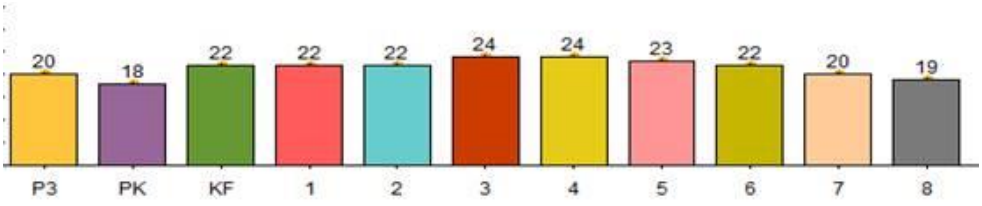
Enrollment as of 9/26/23 = 236

Applicants for 2023-24 School Year:

17 sibling applicants received for pk, k, 4, 5 & 8th (14 were placed and 3 declined)

157 Public Applications received—18 were placed in pk, k, 1, 2, 3rd grades

Breakdown is as follows:



We enrolled seventeen siblings of current families in our PK, Kindergarten and 6th grades; and we pulled from the public lottery wait list for any remaining openings/additions in PK, kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades.

III. TEACHING & LEARNING UPDATE/Upcoming professional development:

Social/Emotional Learning will continue to be part of an ongoing PD plan for 2023-24. As we continue this work, Jim Martinez, former director of Norwalk Public Schools mental health and social and emotional learning program, has been working with administration

to plan professional development around research based interventions and tiered learning in both academic and social/emotional domains. Additionally, we have targeted K-2 teachers to receive professional learning around bilingual learners in order to support our youngest English learners in the core curriculum. Lastly, 3-5 teachers are participating in a state pilot around project based learning using the Defined Learning platform.

Finance Committee:

No update this month.

Fundraising:

November 3, 2023 confirmed for Spacecat Brewing event (6 PM to 8 PM). The ticket price and what is included were discussed in detail. The finalized pricing decision to be made between now the the event. Tickets will be separate from the raffle items and 50/50 raffle, but may include drinks or also food, depending on the arrangements made with the food truck vendor.

Plan to host a 1420 Distillery event in mid-April or later.

Additional ideas for fundraising or family nights:

- Pinstripes or Bowlmor
- Family night at another family-friendly location such as Sky Zone

Action Items:

- All board members to solicit raffle donations

Meeting adjourned: motion to adjourn at 6:06 PM. Amanda and Adam approved the motion.