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BOD Meeting:
APPROVED MINUTES- November 28, 2023

Present: Nell Conroy, Larry Cafero, Matt Nittoly, Deb Whalen, Sally Davids, Britnee Hnderson, Amanda Gormley, Stephanie Cecio, Adam Norris
Absent: Kim Grimm, Todd Parkin, Chiara Askew-Oliver

Meeting began at 5:22PM.

February minutes approved by Stephanie (motion) and Deb (2ND).

Director Update:

I. **Cheers & Beers Fundraiser**
   (1) **Approximately 80-90 people in attendance**
   (2) **approximately $8800 net (includes $3800 in sponsorship)**

II. **MISC:**

Start of 2nd Trimester:
Classrooms are busy as we move into the second trimester of the 2023-24 school year. The 2nd MP started on 11/20.

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

SBS Grades 5 and 6 will be attending 3 days/2 nights in Saco, ME at the Ecology School. This is a hands-on science and team building trip for the second consecutive year.

III. **TEACHING & LEARNING UPDATE:**

On election day, Side by Side teachers received professional development on the importance of tiered instruction and scientifically research based interventions in supporting struggling students and accelerating learning after lost instruction due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This session, which consisted of a morning learning overview and an afternoon workshop, was delivered by Jim Martinez, former principal, supervisor of counseling and mental health and pupil services for Norwalk Public Schools. In his presentation, besides renewing conversations about high quality student interventions, Jim built connection between our academic practices and our recent social emotional learning initiatives. More importantly, he truly focused on how special our community was, and helped us be grateful for and tap into the greatest resource we have-each other. We can't wait to have him back as he helps us work on several projects related to teacher learning and parent outreach.

BOD MEETING STRUCTURE DISCUSSION:

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There was a recommendation for implementing a rotation of “in-person” meetings and virtual meetings moving forward.

The Board will begin with this rotation effective the January 23 meeting (which will be in-person)

The December 2023 meeting has been postponed

Meeting adjourned at 5:57pm