SIDE BY SIDE
CHARTER SCHOOL

Board of Directors Meeting
March 26, 2024
Approved Minutes

Present: Larry Cafero, Amanda Gormley, Matt Nittoly, Deb Whalen, Adam Norris, Nell Conroy, Sally Davids, Todd Parkin, Stephanie Cecio

Absent: Chiara Askew-Oliver, Kim Grimm, Britnee Henderson

Meeting called to order at 5:22 PM.

January minutes approved by Amanda and Deb.

Public Session

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

Director Update:

I. PDS (Professional Development School) Partnership with Quinnipiac University:

Leadership from SBS and QU met in Early March to discuss ways to regenerate interest in the collaborative partnership between our two programs. SBS administration and teacher representatives met with two sections of QU students during their evening courses to explain the residency model for internships/student teaching at Side by Side. It is our hope to accommodate a cohort of 4-5 student interns for 20234-25 to serve in our Elementary classrooms.

II. Teaching & Learning Update:

As we approach spring, teachers are busy reviewing and reinforcing previous learning as we enter the Smarter Balanced SBAC) testing window. Students will test in the area of Language Arts in late April, and Math and Science in May. The 7th grade is gearing up for

our annual Common Ground artist residency in collaboration with the Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, which will take place April 1st- through Friday April 5th. This year students will engage with an installation called *Canta y no llores* by artist Amanda Martinez https://thealdrich.org/exhibitions/aldrich-projects-amanda-martinez
in which she explores the relationship between tactile memories and their ability to help us reassemble narratives and histories. Students will visit the Aldrich April 1st with their Humanities teacher Mr. Konkel and our art teacher Ms. VanSteenbergen. We are excited to see what students create!

III. Side by Side enrollment lottery 2024 (important dates)
   a. Mon 4/1 lottery applications due by 4pm
   b. Wed 4/24 LOTTERY at 5pm*
      **BOD representation must attend*

Finance Committee:

The board reviewed the committee's financial report. Additionally, as approved by the board earlier this year, the finance committee has begun the process of moving some savings accounts to a different bank.

Fundraising:

- April 1420 Distillery cocktails for a cause event:
  - Scheduled for May 3rd
  - Timing: 6:00 to 8:00 (closes at 9:00)
  - Amanda to reach out to volunteers for assistance (as needed) with the following tasks:
    - Soliciting raffle items
    - Monitoring ticket sales
    - Reaching out to sponsors
    - Marketing/advertising
  - Will offer a 50/50 raffle again
  - Tickets will not include food for this event
  - Need to reach out to the Mestizo food truck to see if they are available that evening
- BoosterTHON fun run:
  - Kick-off day will be May 17th
  - Fun run held on May 29th
  - Todd to send more details once provided by Booster

Meeting adjourned: motion to adjourn at 6:27 PM. Sally and Adam approved the motion.