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CHARTER SCHOOL

Board of Directors Meeting
December 3, 2024
Approved Minutes

Present: Larry Cafero, Matt Nittoly, Anne Dichele, Stephanie Cecio, Adam Norris, Amanda Gormley, Todd Parkin, Britnee Henderson, Nell Conroy, Kim Grimm, Deb Whalen, Nicole Shagoury

Absent: Chiara Askew-Oliver

Meeting called to order at 5:15 PM.

Motion to approve October meeting minutes made by Adam and Todd. Approved by all present members.

Board membership update: We welcome back former board member Anne Dichele in the role of a community member.

No members of the public were present at this meeting.

Director Update:

I. Cheers & Beers Fundraiser

See fundraising update below.

II. MISC:

Start of 2nd Trimester: Classrooms are busy as we move into the second trimester of the 2024-25 school year. The 2nd MP started on 11/18/24.

III. TEACHING & LEARNING UPDATE:

Currently, teachers are busy working on their professional goals for the year. Areas of focus include introducing data team strategies to monitor student progress, setting up and sustaining systems to implement and monitor reading interventions, and overall collaborative skills for a positive school climate. The school literacy team will also complete their last, CSDE sponsored "Right to Read" professional development training as a culmination of the two-year series. The team will then move to review and revise the school's reading plan developed in the trainings and collaborate with all teachers in order ensure implementation and improved outcome school wide.

Finance committee:

- Adam presented a review of the financial reporting to date. There are no significant variances from the budget.

Fundraising committee:

- The Fall 2024 Cheers & Beers fundraiser at SpaceCat was a smashing success
- We are awaiting the finalized invoice from SpaceCat before we can determine our profit, but we received $3,700 in donations alone
- We are enormously thankful to SpaceCat for donating the space, to all of our sponsors for their generous donations, and to all the board members who worked to solicit donations
- Special thanks to Deb and Amanda for their work to organize the event
- Special thanks to Nell for all the fabulous desserts
- 108 people attended and we could accommodate more
- General consensus was that this was a great event that we should repeat next year
- Some items to consider for future events in this location: the food arrangement is workable, but a bit awkward; some food trucks take mobile orders and deliver the food inside; a few people asked about a 50/50 raffle; Nell promises spoons for future desserts; seating was limited

Meeting adjourned: motion to adjourn at 5:43 PM by Deb. Seconded by Todd. All present members agreed to adjourn.