

Board of Trustees Meeting- Thursday, September 28th, 2023 – Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Jim Sander, Lucas Doe, Christopher Brignola

Robert Ansbro, Ted Hurwitz (Ex-Officio)

Absent: Sean Blackwell

Administrators in attendance: Norma Hurwitz, Leena Thomas

Guests in Attendance: Paul Augello (ALCS CPA)

6:43 PM - Call to order by Board Chair, James Sander

- I. Approval of Minutes for Thursday, August 31, 2023
 - Robert Ansbro motions to accept, James Sander seconds, all in favor

- II. Update on ALCS registers – Paul Augello
 - Our actual numbers are lower than our budgeted numbers
 - When we began the new building project, we had a surplus of funds and were in a good position
 - We still have a balanced budget and will have enough funds for our bond
 - Over the past few years, even with the decline of students, we have generated a surplus
 - If ALCS gets approved for a HS program, this will help bring significant funds back to the budget
 - Our interest and dividends are high yielding
 - Lucas mentioned investors would want to know how and why we lost students and how we are working to fix the issue
 - The new building will help attract new families
 - Norma mentioned we call each family to find out why they leave and most students opted for a closer school
 - Jim suggested focusing efforts on current families and showing them the value of staying at ALCS

- III. New building project- Update on progress and expenditures to date
- Jim Sander summarized David Haller's report- We might have extra funds at the end of the project
- IV. Committee Reports
- A. Finance Committee – Lucas Doe
- Nothing to report
- B. Real Estate Committee – Robert Ansbro
- Bob will try to contact Con Edison to move the building project along
 - We will have to think about hiring staff for the new building
- C. Education Committee – Christopher Brignola
- Jim Sander congratulated Norma and Leena on the 2023 NYS results, particularly in Mathematics
 - Leena Thomas discussed the 2023 NYS state exam scores. Our school stayed the same in ELA at 71% and went up significantly in Mathematics, by 20 points and scored 75%
 - Chris suggested tracking students who are close to proficiency/proficient and assigning a teacher to track them throughout the school year
 - Jim asked Norma and Leena to set some goals and expectations for the school year, taking the scores into account.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 6:30 PM