

Board of Trustees Meeting- Thursday, October 26th, 2023 – Minutes

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

Robert Ansbro, Sean Blackwell ,Ted Hurwitz (Ex-Officio)

Administrators in attendance: Norma Hurwitz, Leena Thomas

Guests in Attendance: David Haller (Owner's Rep)

6:37 PM - Call to order by Board Chair, James Sander

- I. Approval of Minutes for Thursday, September 28th 2023
 - Robert Ansbro motions to approve, all in favor

- II. Educational program- Leena Thomas
 - We are working to help teachers better understand the new standards
 - Phrasing of questions and vocabulary words often throw students off so we are incorporating new phrasing within our questions
 - A lot of co-teaching is taking place to help teachers become familiar with the curriculum and best teaching practices

- III. New building project- Update on progress and expenditures to date- David Haller
 - We have close to a million dollars left against the bond funding
 - Schedule- Con Edison is still an issue. They have a lot of work going on and we don't know when they will get to us.
 - After we get power, Signature construction will need another 4-6 weeks then the city will need to come in to inspect and sign off on everything.
 - The contractor and architects are asking for additional funds due to the delays.

- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance Committee – Lucas Doe
 - Nothing new to report

 - B. Real Estate Committee – Robert Ansbro
 - David Haller provided updates as part of the new building project

C. Education Committee – Christopher Brignola

- Christopher Brignola mentioned targeted monitoring assessments are available on I-ready based on standards and students can take assessments geared towards power standards. Also, drilling operations fluency will help.
- ALCS has been working on mental math and devoting class time to practicing
- An online portal where parents can see grades might be helpful (ex: Pearson Powerschool)
- Mastery Connect is another helpful online gradebook (students can take assessments on the program as well).
- A good idea would be a quiz every Friday on a high level standard and track that data
- Amend resolution to include grades 9 and 10 in proposed opening of High School (All in favor)
- Jim Sander asked for an update on staff and student recruitment. Norma mentioned additional advertising and going to the colleges to make connections with their departments to help with staff recruitment.
- Jim suggested looking into local college newspapers and placing ads in those
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Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 16th, 2023 at 6:30 PM