

Board of Trustees Meeting- Thursday, November 16th 2023 at 6:30 PM

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)

6:35 PM - Call to order by Board Chair, James Sander

I. Approval of Minutes for Thursday, October 26th 2023

- Robert Ansbro motions to approve, Chris seconds, all in favor

II. Period 1 Assessment Results- Leena Thomas

- Period 1 assessments took place over the past 2-3 weeks
- We are looking at the 50% mark at this point in the school year to gauge how students and classes are performing.
- We are satisfied, overall, with performance
- The review process has been meaningful, with students reflecting on their grades and what they did well and how to improve.

III. New building project- Update on progress and expenditures to date- David Haller

- We are still waiting on Con Edison and unsure of their timeline
- There will need to be an architectural walkthrough, then fire department, then Department of Buildings.
- The wiring and infrastructure in our area is being upgraded to support our school and other projects.
- ALCS will incur additional expenditures due to these delays
- Sean Blackwell inquired about not having the construction company on site for now unless needed and bringing them back when the power is on
- David mentioned this is already happening and Signature has minimized staff on site.

IV. High School expansion proposal plans- grades 9th and 10th

- SUNY has started reviewing the application and asked us two clarifying questions regarding grade levels and enrollment
- We were able to cover the curriculum portion with the help of Jaime Kennedy, Adam Wiedewitsch, and Adam Berg
- The hiring process has started with two teachers joining us at the middle school who we hope to move to the high school if it gets approved.

V. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee – Lucas Doe

- Our most recent budget reflected some additional funding from ESSER grants.
- Purchasing treasuries seems to be the best way to invest our money

B. Real Estate Committee – Robert Ansbro

- Nothing else to report

C. Education Committee – Christopher Brignola

- Chris sent two links for review, which can give our school a better sense of performance.
- Utilizing a Map Growth Assessment (NWEA) might be a better way of assessing students
- Chris also shared a gradebook that might help better monitor assessment data (Mastery Connect)
- Even if exams are given in hard copy form, data can be entered and analyzed through Master Connect

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 14th, 2023 at 6:30 PM