

Board of Trustees Meeting- Thursday, December 14th 2023 at 6:30 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Jim Sander, Christopher Brignola

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

Absent: Lucas Doe

Administrators in attendance: Norma Hurwitz, Leena Thomas

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

6:50 PM - Call to order by Board Chair, James Sander

- I. Approval of Minutes for Thursday, November 16, 2023
 - Robert Ansbro motions to accept, Jim Sander seconds, all in favor.

- LI. Academic program focus- Leena Thomas
 - Most classes have shown growth
 - For grades 1 and 2, we had students read the exams themselves which is why there was such a decline in scores
 - We are working to incorporate quizzes to more closely track student performance
 - We are in communication with representatives from Mastery Connect and NWEA so we can get a better understanding of those programs and work towards implementing them.

- II. New building project- Update on progress and expenditures to date- David Haller
 - The financials are the same as last month. We have about 900k that has not been spent and another 300k in contingency funds.
 - Con Edison seems to be more responsive, however, we still have no dates from them.
 - The architect has put in for more money and David has asked for a fair and reasonable number.
 - The school has paid about 2.1 million in design errors

- III. High School expansion proposal plans- grades 9th and 10th
 - We had a DOE public hearing which was initiated by SUNY yesterday
 - It was heartwarming to hear our parents, teachers and former students speak about their experience at the school
 - Jim Sander thanked the Board and school leadership

IV. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

- Paul submitted the finance report and we have more money than we anticipated due to grant funding being reconciled.

B. Real Estate Committee – Robert Ansbro

- Nothing else to cover other than what David Haller reported

C. Education Committee – Christopher Brignola

- NYC released investigation modules, NYS testing site has claims that tie back to the standards. The majority of the test is a reading test.
- Chris recommended Math 180 which is a math test prep program and Illustrative Math

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18th, 2024 at 6:30 PM