

BOT Meeting Thursday March 20, 2025 Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Jim Sander, Robert Ansbro, Lucas Doe, Thomas Gorrell, Sean Blackwell

Administrators in attendance: Norma Hurwitz, Leena Thomas, Eddie Kubina

Not in Attendance: Christopher Brignola

Meeting Called to Order by Jim Sander 6:33 p.m..

- I. Approval of Minutes for February 13, 2025
 - Robert Ansbro motions to approve, all in favor, minutes approved

- II. Student Recruitment- Eddie Kubina, Leena Thomas
 - We had a basketball clinic to help the local community see our new building and interact with our staff and hope to have a few more sports clinics
 - We are also having a book fair to invite members from local daycares
 - We had an open house for families who already applied with various events led by staff members which was a success
 - Our ads at Cross County Mall and Bay Plaza mall are working well and more people are becoming familiar with our school's name
 - Sean suggested outreach to former alumni to have them discuss their success stories
 - We can also have more parents involved in our recruitment efforts to spread the word about our school
 - Ted Francavilla asked for clarification on how we can pitch the school to ninth graders (Small school with individual attention, teachers who care, 15 years of success, a National Blue Ribbon Winning school, satisfied students and parents, high quality/engaging teaching.
 - Jim mentioned that it is important to remind parents that we are a community school, not an institution.
 - Robert Ansbro suggested having some note cards that we can hand out for marketing that summarize the ideas discussed at today's meeting

- III. Period 4 Six Week Assessment results for ELA and Mathematics
 - All classes have shown growth
 - Most classes have a high number of students in the 60s and we are hopeful these students, and even several in the 50s will be able to get a 3 on the state exams.
 - Students are focused and have a better sense of ownership over their grades. They are eager to share their progress.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee – Lucas Doe

- Nothing to report at the time
- Ted Francavilla mentioned that we are doing well financially and wanted to clarify charter school and public school per pupil funding amounts.

B. Real Estate Committee – Robert Ansbro

- We will need to see if the draft coming through the elevators was addressed
- Closet stoppers are being installed and we need to examine if they are working
- ALCS Plaque for new building- The language being changed to reflect the following: “To Those Who Made the Building of this school possible.” Academic Leadership Board of Trustees”, we want “teaching tomorrow’s leaders” to be larger

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- Sean mentioned we might want to go vertically instead of horizontal in orientation to fit all the names

C. Education Committee – Christopher Brignola

- Nothing to report at this time

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 24th, 2025 at 6:30 PM