

DRAFT Charter council notes 12/15/21

by BK

Starting time 5:04

Members present: SO, BS, RS, JB, BK BF arrived at 5:39

Others present: Caroline Hopewell, Sonia Diaz, Becky Traum, Sheryl Elshout

AA: CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Change: Ed Foundation will be moved to the end of the REPORTS section on the agenda

1st: SO 2nd: BS Unanimous approval, 5 ayes

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Sheryl E spoke about restoring funding for the Class 8 end of year trip from read-a-thon revenues.

A letter on the same topic from Anne Cassidy was also read.

THIS TOPIC WILL BE ADDED TO THE JANUARY MEETING FOR DISCUSSION . Members should review the Field Trip funding policy. Cost for this action would be about \$9280.

BUS/OPERATIONS REPORT: BT

- A bug was found in our attendance software and some data fields have needed to be rebuilt and double checked: Were back to normal soon
- MANY independent study agreements are outstanding but not collected
- Positive Covid cases verified by testing have been found on campus, and our first on campus transmission is suspected to have occurred, probably sometime before Thanksgiving. Some students are in quarantine, and the contact tracing and contact process is very labor intensive. Long hours of paper work documenting that we are in full compliance with mandates.
- At home tests have been given to all students with instructions to use them before returning to school in January. Superhuman effort by Becky secured these tests for us at no (or little?) cost.

- PCR testing results are now lagging, and extended testing turnaround times are the norm and a real problem preventing kids from returning to school quickly. Negative testing students wait at home until the results finally arrive.

AA: Vote required: FIRST INTRIM BUDGET final report: BT

- We currently have a positive balance, but this outcome is aided by numerous unspent Restricted and Categorical funds rolling over. These will not be counted as revenue in the future if they remain unspent.
- \$9K in cash... should be \$25-30K
- ADA a continuing problem due to lower than expected average daily assumptions cooked into the budget. There is talk of a reprieve from SAC on this, as it will soon become a budget issue for school districts statewide. Because we are a charter school, we feel the effects now... but schools statewide will soon be feeling the pain also. The question is, when (or will) Newsom act?
- Current ADA is 204
- Staffing changes will have an effect on the budget, but probably lower it
- We are acting to move some allowable expenses from category SR2 to SR3. This moves expenses into a more restrictive fund from one that has less restriction. Becky uncovered that this is allowable, helping us have more spending flexibility within our restricted funding landscape.
- Our payment ratio for benefit reimbursements improved marginally to 0.5%
- We will run out of funding for support staff before the end of the year at current spending rates. Additional Covid response money is running out and while we *hope* it will be replaced with an additional State grant, this is uncertain.
- Reserves and cash OK for now
- Read-a-thon gross revenue was about \$18K

ACTION: Vote to approve first Interim budget

1st SO 2nd:RS Unanimous vote, 6 ayes

AA: EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS BLOCK GRANT APPROVAL

- No changes, no public comments from stakeholders after notice posted
- We can adjust to spending in future years: Only year 1 is fixed and set
- Attached list has full details

1st: SO 2nd RSVote: unanimous, 6 ayes

AA: VOTE REQUIRED: APPOINTING NEW MEMBER TO FILL AN EXISTING VACANCY THAT WILL EXPIRE IN SPRING 2022

Shall Sonia Diaz be appointed to the Charter Council?

1st: SO 2nd: BK Vote: unanimous, 6 ayes

ADMIN REPORT: CH

- **See attached report for details:**
- Enrollment age for TK are slowly being indexed downward over the next 5 years (2 months down per year???) This will increase the pool of eligible public school aged children in the future... good for us, bad for independent preschools.
- **We are closing one kindergarten: Lyra Matthews will be taking over Fourth Grade**
- We have an unfortunate mix of first- and second-year kids in our KGs now. The enrollment situation next year will be affected by this.
- Our school councilor Mika Shiner will be adding Mondays to her schedule, working 2 days at 2/3 time (Correct?)
- We received the Plein Aire grant to pay for lower grades art supplies
- Our GIVING TREE program identified 12 families in need of holiday support. In the past, gift requests were granted, but this year, Target gift cards were given.
- **LCAP** update in progress.

MONICA CONWAY WILL BE AT THE JANUARY MEETING FOR A REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF THE RSP PROGRAM

Please put this report on the agenda!

FACULTY:

Equity report back time at all meetings, Reading focus is really strong. MS working on organizing the science storage room. Lots of planning time for Spiral Walk, assembly, and second round of HM testing.

ED FOUNDATION:

- **Read-a-thon:** Gross=\$23.5K Net: \$18.5K
- New \$250 level sponsor
- Family giving at 52%: 2 more classes reach 75%!
- Bonus deadline extended: Still time to claim \$250 bonus
- Art auction will be folded into the general auction on May 14

(Ending time not collected: 7:30ish?)

NEXT MEETING IS Wednesday January 12 at 5PM