

Board Meeting



Date: March 15th, 2024	Meeting Time: 9:02 AM	Location: Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
Meeting called by	Michael Kridel	
Board Members Present	Valerie Silverman, Tony Green, Steve Padula, Orlando Ortiz	
Board Members Absent	Eleanor Siklossy, Nancy DiPierro, Allison Delspeche, Jay Huebner	
Notetaker	Michael Kridel, Nadine Fagan; Recorded by Zoom	
Other Attendees	Debra Johnson, Jason Portman, Melissa Carmen, Nadine Fagan, Augie Vulaj	
Public/Board Comments		
	Augie Vulaj "Thank you for allowing me to be here. I hope to have the opportunity to work with everybody in any way you see fit and to add value. I look forward to working with you."	
Board Minutes		
Presenter: Sonia Kay	Discussion: Approval of Board Minutes February 23rd, 2023	
Date of Minutes Reviewing:	February 23rd, 2023	
Discussion/Question:	Valerie Silverman- Advancement Committee Section; I would like clarification on what was written there.	
Amendments made:	Advancement Committee- We want to focus on avoiding duplication of donation requests with End-of-the-Year campaigns vs. Gala donations, etc.	
Motion Made by:	Michael Kridel	
Motion Second by:	Valerie Silverman	
Motion Passed:	Yes	
Treasurer's Report		
Presenter: Jason Portman	Screen share of Budget Vs Actual, GASB, and other documents sent by email	
	Everyone was sent the 0990's, the board does not have to do anything concerning them, just that you all are aware of them. This is a part of	

showing our efforts with donor databases, our level of fiscal soundness and transparency.

- The balance sheet is in good shape there.
- Budget amendment we are working on with Matt for next month's meeting.
- Starting during April we'll be doing the audit; we are on time there.
- Revenue and expenses we are also in good shape, we just have to do some adjustments for items we did not budget at the beginning of the year.

Steven Padula- I had a question about the revenue line item 3495 Misc Local Sources, what happened there? It's about the past referendum monies regarding a lawsuit about the penny tax going back to 2018/2019, that was the settlement we received.

And then in the 5200's Cap Furniture/Fixtures/Equipment? That was the playground equipment, a grant.

Principal's Report

Presenter: Debi Johnson Principal Report on Screen

- Dashboard covers details of the number of students, teachers, COVID status & funds raised to date.

Enrollment Charter: 90

- January added a second Pre-K classroom- has 4 students; 1 new student starting April 1st.
- 11 classrooms total in charter
- Looking to have a total of 92 students for next year
- We need to fill 14 slots for next year; the waiting list is over 100
- 3rd through 5th grade is full; Middle school will have one or two spots; most spots are in pre-K – 2nd.
- Staffing is good; have 1 teacher/1 para out on medical leave
- Interviewing for FY25

School Events:

- We had inclusion days that we did with our partner Big Brothers Big Sisters. It was a wonderful 2-day event.

Title 1:

- School-wide plan for FY25 completed
- Funding went up from last year; rolling it over into tutoring and funding a partial salary of a para.
- Literacy Night rescheduled for 3/26 with family dinner afterward

Book Fair 3/26-3/28

Upcoming Events:

	<p>Rooney Run March 30th – They Need Volunteers; We’re sponsoring a kid fun run this year</p> <p>WGA Golf Tournament- April 18th; has already been confirmed for next year for Jan. 9th</p> <p>All In for Autism Poker Tournament- April 21st Palm Beach Kennel Club</p> <p>Draw the Line on Drowning- the month of April.</p> <p>-Playground Update- waiting to hear back from contractor.</p> <p>Grants/Donations:</p> <p>Debi has an ongoing list for viewing.</p> <p>Michael Kridel- Is there a particular time of year we have a higher grant application period? Have we built the seasonality into our budgets?</p> <p>Yes, private development foundations are all due in August/September and awarded March/April; March is another busy time. Yes, we have built that into our budget.</p> <p>Possible new joint grant- Valerie helped us with a connection at Lighthouse Art Center for an arts program!</p> <p>Michael Kridel- There is a program through the Rotary Clubs around the country called ‘Josh the Otter” based off how otters learn to swim. It’s been running 20 years. It’s a combination of DVD/Storybook/Parental Involvement that runs about 30 minutes.</p>
Fundraising/Marketing	
Presenter: Jason Portman, Debi Johnson	
	<p>2024 Gala</p> <p>Funds Raised \$540,000; Expenses \$90,000.</p> <p>By far the largest net of this event.</p> <p>Increasing expenses were going over 200 guests, keeping the staff an hour later, and a few other items.</p> <p>Development</p> <p>This is the closest we’ve been this time of year to our goals.</p>
Operations	
Presenter: Jason Portman	
	Nothing new at this time.
Committee Reports	
Michael Kridel, Valerie Silverman	
	<p>Finance: Michael and Tony met on the 28th to go over the administrative side of things, eventually there will be a vote regarding that information. Everyone</p>

	<p>should have received a document that we put together with ideas to assist in getting people on board the committee. Some ideas: Outgoing presidents serve on the committee to be available for financial history, etc. Possibly having people on the finance committee for 3 years before being allowed to be on the board. It's easier to have a person join a committee regarding time restraints. 3rd party people on the committee. Please give us some feedback on what we've sent you.</p> <p>Advancement: Continue to work on End-of-Year campaigns</p>
Old Business	
	None
New Business	
	<p>-Michael "Regarding Board Meetings- Obligated to read the Information sent before the meeting. Someday you may be asked to testify on board documents."</p> <p>-Augie Vulaj would like to join the board.</p> <p>Augie feels his strongest traits are giving back in the community; especially to children, and eager to be a part of the board making a difference to benefit the school. Background in banking and serving in community outreach leadership roles.</p>
Motion:	Move to nominate Augie to the board
Motion Made by:	Michael Kridel
Motion Second by:	Valerie Silverman
Motion Passed; Nominee Accepted	Yes; Yes
Motion for Adjournment	10:05 AM
Discussion:	None
Motion Made By:	Steven Padula
Motion Seconded By:	Valerie Silverman
Motion Passed:	Yes
Calendar	
Next Board Meeting:	Zoom Meeting Friday April 26th at 9:00 am
Minutes Approved	
Board Member: <i>Sonia Kay</i>	Date: 5/17/2024