



Minutes of the Directors' Meeting
VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL
March 15, 2022
Start Time: 5:08 PM End Time: 5:45 PM
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Directors Present – Video Call - Debra Logan-Rabb, Robert Monson, LaToya Pratt, Patrick Barth, Cyril Mouelle-Berteaux, Olympia Della Flora

Staff Present - Video Call- Kevin Fischer, Monica Rios

Others – Video Call – Donna Webster, Vikas Kaushal, Dr. Denniston Reid, Dr. Charlene Reid

Board Chair, Debra Logan-Rabb, called the meeting to order.

1. **Review and Approval of Minutes, Directors' Meeting January 18, 2022:** Minutes were approved.
2. **Financial Report:** Donna Webster presented the January 2022 YTD financials which were distributed to the Board in advance and discussed in detail at the finance committee call.
 - a. State and Federal revenues are projected to be more than budget by about \$650K, which is primarily due to:
 - i. Increase in per-pupil rate – budget was based on no increase in the per-pupil rate
 - ii. ESSER and ARP fundings – Now projected in the 2021-2022 school year
 - b. Revenue from contributions is projected to be above \$600K above the budget.
 - c. Total revenue is projected to be at \$7,656K, which is about \$1,275K more than the budget
 - d. Total expenditures are expected to be at \$6,025K excluding depreciation.
 - e. The Balance of \$29K was paid back at the end of January 2022.
 - f. The cash projection shows the need for financing for the Convent construction project. In the process to apply for a loan from CSGF for the construction budget.

Monica Rios gave an update about the Convent construction project:

- g. The Briato Group is contracted as the owner's rep.
- h. Delays in getting approval from the Landlord regarding construction plans.
- i. Most likely the project will be pushed into the fall of 2022.
- j. As a plan B, temporary modulars will be arranged until the construction is completed in the school year 2022-2023.
- k. The total project is still estimated to be about \$3.5 million.

3. **Principal's Report:** Kevin Fisher discussed the following topics:

A. Academics

- a. Just finished reading level benchmarks (Grades PK-4)
- b. 2nd Trimester ended on Friday. Teachers are getting the grad books ready.
- c. The attendance rate has been steady all year. We have been between 96-97%.

- d. We started Saturday Academy. We had two sessions already.
- e. LAS Link Testing is the English Language Learners test that is going on right now.
- f. INTERVENTION PLAN
 - i. Small group instructions are designed for reading and math.
 - ii. It is data-driven.
 - iii. We created Math Groups for independent work and direct instructions.
 - iv. Assistive Technology: 1-1 Chromebooks at school and home are very helpful. When they take a diagnostic test on online software it helps to develop a specific plan for the scholar.

B. Covid-19 Update

- a. This is our 2nd week when masks are optional for staff/scholars.
- b. Other mitigation strategies are still in place. Social distancing, taking temperatures, dividers in classrooms, etc.
- c. Positivity Rate – no positive case since February 1st.
- d. Constant sanitizing of high-touch areas

C. Up-Coming Events

- a. Parent-Teacher Conferences 3/22 & 3/23
- b. Spirit Week 3/21-3/25
- c. Saturday Academy 3/19
- d. Spring Break April 11-15

D. Last week, I sat on a Zoom Call with the Board of Representatives for the City of Stamford, because of one of our sixth-grade scholars. So we give out a summer project, and one of the pieces to the book he read, got to do an adventure project. So he and his grandmother decided that one of the handicap entrances at a corner by his house wasn't to legal standard. It was only 31 inches instead of 36 inches. So he actually went out, took pictures, had a tape measure, sent the whole letter in, and he actually got recognized and they were wrong. And it had to be 36 and the city is actually moving the Junction box. And he was honored in a meeting last week for his hard work. And, you know, recognition for finding this mistake in Stamford. But he was very proud. His parents and grandma are proud of him. I have the video, but it's very long and I can't send an e-mail to figure out how to chop it. So you guys can see the part where he thanks school and his family and things like that. But there is a really nice thing for him.

4. **LaToya Pratt** mentioned that families believe things are going well. Parents are itching to get the kids doing more things as far as any types of events like we used to do pre-pandemic. Coordinating with Principal Fischer to make sure that we can get back to normal events and schedules whenever it's safe.
5. **Cyrill Mouelle-Berteaux** gave an update on student placement:

Cyrill met with Ayisha and Kevin, a few weeks ago. He got some data from Ayisha regarding the demographics of the school, and the history of placement from the Stamford Charter School of Excellence and reached out to the first private school. And this was the Brunswick school and their Admissions Officer was very impressed. They may come to make a presentation at school to help parents understand the admission and financial aid process. It seems that private schools are very interested due to the excellent record of the school. Hopefull, that in the future we will have many partnerships with the private schools.

6. Public Comments:

No public comments.

The Meeting was adjourned.