

## **Board of Directors Meeting: February 23,2022**

Meeting called to order by Erin Patterson 7:34 pm. The meeting is being held at CS Lewis Academy. The date is 2/23/22. Roll Call: Erin Patterson, Reuben Jimenez, Devin Leavitt, Diane Nelson, Tyler Moore, Evelyn Simons, Kate Klundt, Nate Adams.

### **1. No public forum**

***Motion made by Devin to approve last months minutes at 7:36pm***

***Seconded by Reuben***

***Approved by Tyler, Devin, Reuben, Erin***

***Motion passed***

### **2. Executive director report**

- January count 305, currently working on recruiting
- 2022-2023 count is 298-- 25 more than this time last year.
- Goal is to be between 320-340 for next year
- Kindergarten preview is february 26, 2022 9am-12pm ( open house style)
- Teachers learning the science of reading. All working on letters program.
- Would like to be 340 in the next year or two.
- Tyler is working on a community based service project. To promote school.
- Reuben will be doing a Cinco de mayo event in payson. To promote school.
- The school report card came out, it was bad. The state isn't holding us to it because everyone is struggling with the return from covid.
- The teachers are having a hard time.
- Staff highlight for Mr. L next month.

### **3. Vote on Calendar**

- The half day was removed due to parents struggling to pick up their kids on half days.
  - Calendar does meet all the state requirements.
- Motion made to approve school calendar 2022-2023 by Rueben @ 7:43.  
Evelyn and Tyler seconded it  
Motion passed unanimously.

### **4. Vote on Handbook**

- Problems and revisions made to the handbook.
- Removed "donations at the rate of \$10 per hour."
- We are not allowed to require volunteer hours. We are not allowed to change donations to volunteer hours, because then it turns into a school fee. It becomes problematic for school, so we are taking that out of the handbook.

- verbiage will be changed to remove anything requiring money or time, and changing it to encourage parent involvement.

***Motion made at 7:54 to approve the handbook changes by Evelyn***

***Devin Second that.***

***Motion carries unanimously.***

## **5. Committee Reports**

### **A. Finance Committee**

- Restricted funds are on track to be spent. "SPED" program and the lunch program were discussed. We are putting a lot of emphasis on spending both of those program's balances down. Only 20% is allowed to carry through. They also discussed how to spend down the lunch program as well.
- We are looking at opportunities to bring in more unrestricted revenue by increasing other sources of revenue, overall increasing our bottom line.
- We are worried about the snow removal line item, because we are having to adjust to accommodate the weather.
- we need to just keep an eye on technology as well.
- we just received notice that they found \$10,000 more that we are going to put towards learning.
- \$83,000 operating margin at this point. Overall a very positive and good place to be.
- looking to have more solid numbers for next year by the end of this month. We need to increase enrollment to bolster the numbers. We will hopefully approve by June 2022.
- The wall correction was approved and almost done and looking great. It was approved by the finance committee. We are adding wall checks to maintenance walkthroughs moving forward.

### **B. Governance and Policy Committee**

- Family handbook was corrected and edited this month.
- Currently working through all policies older than 3 years.
- New laws and rules creating new policies. We have to have two separate policies about banned books that are being created.

### **C. Academic Committee**

#### **Acadience reading test.**

- Goal is 60% only matters grades 1-3.
- Kindergarteners had the biggest growth.
- 3rd grades-- hardest grade, not normal school year because of covid--- huge holes to fill. Put them into "nim"- neuroimaging process. It's important to get them to grade level now because if they don't make it now, they most likely won't make it to grade level.

- Working on strategies to raise reading scores. Also doing a data dive. Next test in April. Middle of year test--- introduces end of year content→ measures how far they need to be.
- SPED and ML and WIN teams= strategizing.
- Aid training to support the teachers.

### **Acadience math**

- New program. Need to revamp the program. Next year counts.
- If children are not good readers then they were not very successful at this test.
- Iready math- aligned with standards. A ton of growth.
- Disconnect between the acadience test and the Iready results. School is working towards figuring out acadience math to ensure that both scores align.
- Qualifying summer school reading. -- to help the red kids--- Diane looking into it.
- Kindergarten preview and sourcing from local preschools.

### **“Rise” Data-- state testing.**

- Start preparing students for “rise” testing. Not doing assembly, doing it classroom by classroom. March- “rise” prep begins.
- Scores release in october.
- Teaching the kids to think and be independent learners.
- Widda testing Scores- 1's & 2's, typically struggle with language barriers.
- Discussed recent policy changes regarding the 10 day rule for attendance and how it applies to families traveling out of the country for a long period of time. Reuben and Diane will be discussing at parent/family night.

## **6. No Closed Session**

***Kate made a motion to adjourn at 8:36 pm  
Meeting adjourned.***