Minutes for Wednesday May 10, 2023 – 2pm

Via Zoom or in person at Corolla Library

In attendance: President Meghan Agresto, VP Al Marzetti, Treasurer Bryan Daggett, Secretary Allison Broughton, Susan Taylor, Frieda Harris. Executive director Sylvia Wolff. Members of the public: Mark Adams, Karen Clark, Leanne Gebhardt, Francesa Carregal, Erin Price.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm. A quorum was established.

Board action

* Approve April minutes – Meghan made a motion to approve March meeting minutes. Al seconded and all voted in favor.
* Math teacher hiring – Rolling application decided to switch to rolling application date to maximize candidates.

Board President/Director’s Update

* Update to waiting list – One student added this week for a total of seven.
* SIP updates – Motivation for outreach, groundbreaking event, teacher appreciation, see-a-need and fill it, building a community—amazing group! Screenagers is up next on their list. Currently watching the student version in class with middle schoolers. Team will meet tomorrow.
* PLC updates – Two teachers finishing Responsive Classrooms training
* Events –Field trip update: Luray Caverns—Students had a great time. Spent the night at a sustainable farm to escape torrential rain. Kidwind—leave this weekend for Boulder. Nine students attending. Adventure park tentatively scheduled for 5/30, may include kayaks too.
* Work needed to get graduation to happen, schoolhouse/chapel clear and clean
* EOGs start 5/26. Final day of school is 6/9. End of year celebration will be a little different this year with 8th graders helping to graduate Kindergarteners, recognition of some events (KidWind, Future City, garden), and more interaction.
* Classroom—Hatching eggs, which is very fun. Finishing middle school math curriculum and headed to review before EOGs. If check-ins are an indicator, some remedial work is needed before testing.
* Summer intern – Possible funding available through a grant.

Treasurer’s Report

As of May 9, 2023 (PM), there was $206k in the operating account, $177k in the new building account and $800k in CDs targeted toward the new building. The total is $1,183k, an increase of $14k from a month ago. Accrued interest from the CDs will be added quarterly.

For the month of April, deposits exceeded expenses, largely due to $48k in capital campaign contributions. As anticipated, the state dollars allocated to the school for the fiscal year have been fully used. $15k was received from the local counties and that sum should be higher for the remainder of the fiscal year. Without the capital campaign contributions, expenses exceeded revenue by about $30k for the month.

 Expenses remain on or under budget in most expense categories.

The accounting firm has completed tax forms (990) and has summited them to us for review. We will be using the same CPA firm for the annual audit - preparation for the audit is underway.

Committee Reports

* Curriculum Committee update – Finished unannounced evaluations for new teachers. Meeting 6/13 at 11:30 to continue standards-based grading conversation.
* Capital Campaign Committee Update – Groundbreaking event (parents help, band, donors, marketing, food, tent, insurance- WOW!)—Event was a tremendous success, lots of positive feedback, HUGE thank you to SIP team organizers. Press release to be drafted and released ASAP. Tony’s walking tour—application prepared for insurance. Summer open houses to happen again this year. Hang 10 for 10% (or 10K!)—MexiKind and Corolla Pizza have participated and donated.
* Facilities Committee – Very close to contract and building permits. Alternative parking plan/drop off lane is the hang up. Awaiting response from NCDOT.
* Grievance Committee – n/a

Public comment – Further discussion re: permitting and DOT.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:39pm.