## Agenda Item

CALL TO ORDER The meeting shall be brought to order by the Board Chair, Alisa Hove at 6:10 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** The Board Chair took roll of members present: Jamie, Al, Beth, Alisa, Jon, Jennifer, Bill, Rebecca, Melanie, Allison

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Shall the Board approve the Agenda Items? Motion by Beth Second by Bill Vote: Unanimous to approve agenda

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES Shall the Board approve the minutes of the April 5, 2022 &Feb. 8, 2022

Board Meetings? Motion by Alisa Second by Melanie Vote: Allison abstained due to absence from 2/8 meeting; remainder of board in attendance voted to approve

**PUBLIC COMMENT** This agenda item is included for the purpose of giving anyone in attendance the opportunity to comment on a non-agenda or agenda item with the Board. There will be a three-minute time limit per person. The audience is not to applaud nor demonstrate disapproval for the comments made. The Board may respond asking for clarification only.

None offered

### **ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE**

**Link: Q4 Strategic Goals Report** 

- Summary of Activities
  - Trends in disciplinary action will be analyzed with respect to pre-COVID years;
     Michelle's quick take is that the numbers are not out of line with typical years.
- Update on Enrollment
  - o School needs 5th graders
  - o Goal for enrollment is 710, currently at 729 with waitlists for every grade except 5th
  - o Rebecca mentioned Eddington Center as a place to recruit
  - o Michelle will work on updating facebook ads and other materials to recruit 5th grade
- New Teacher Evaluation System
  - Beginning Teacher Support Plan needs to be approved. Melanie asked what percentage of our teachers fit this description (within 3 years of starting teaching);
     Michelle estimates less than 10%
  - o Al motioned to adopt the new teacher evaluation system proposed by MIchelle, Jamie second, Allison abstained, Jennifer, Jamie, Jon, Bill, Rebecca, Melanie, Beth, Alisa voted to approve. Motion Passed.
- COVID-19 Ongoing Testing Program & Contact Tracing
- Staff retention is good, Hired New EC director and High School Principal and working on 2 other teachers
- Highest need is math and EC for 10th-grade, and a start a high school resource room/occupational course of study.
- Everyone should contact elected representatives to ask for increases in teacher pay. We have a surplus in our state budget and surrounding states are offering higher pay.
- Graduation is 5/28 at Mars Hill stadium
- Music on the Green is tomorrow night

- 1st ever student signing for soccer
- Bruce Waller has been doing DEI training with staff; working with Black Student Union
- New reporting form for race-related incidents
- Access-Advisory Committee meeting in June

#### MONTHLY REVIEW OF MASK MANDATE

- One positive pool in 5th grade this week.
- Offering rapid testing to 5th graders tomorrow.
- Rest of the school numbers have been stable or declining.
- Asking for 5th graders to come back wearing masks.
- Al mentioned that we should continue the policy voted on from last week
- Jon asked about "request" for returning 5th graders to wear masks, Michelle said that the request was consistent with language adopted by the board.
- Bill Motioned, Al seconded: keep policy same as last month: unanimously passed

### **BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- Role of the Board & Board Guidelines at FSI
- Need for a robust onboarding process for members
- Changes to Executive Committee in 2022-23 school year
- Need for recruiting additional Board Members
- Committees needed
  - Fundraising
  - o DEI
  - o Finance
  - Bill recommended:
    - Nominating committee
    - Governance committee
  - Beth asked if we can have non-board members serve on committees, the answer is yes.
- Discussion followed about the role of the board, examples were brought forth about what role the board plays in governance.

## **DEI COMMITTEE**

- DEI committee met to discuss:
  - Responsibilities and roles of DEI committee
  - Ask if BIPOC and GSA groups to attend quarterly
  - Ask for consultant to assist with youth-led DEI training
  - Recommended that within the first week or two of school, CREW should discuss what
    is expected regarding racism, consent, mission, school culture, etc.
    - Jamie introduced idea of student mentorship
- Allison mentioned that the person she brought to the last meeting was not contacted about joining the board.
  - Allison will draft a policy for onboarding, Alisa will check the board manual for application, Al will contact Alice and apologize and invite her to join the board

## **FINANCE UPDATE**

- Update on financing building expansion
  - Treasurer's Report
    - Bill noted change in surplus from surplus to deficit, accounted for the difference: FSI had to put \$205k into cost of issuance, 750k into Escrow

- Bill accounted for bond money: Started with 24M: 16.2M is split between Capitalized Interest Account, Debt Service REserve Acct., Borrower's Equity Acct., Construction Acct., Cost of Issuance Account. 8M was used to pay off former debt.
- Report
- Ziegler bond financing
- Construction

# **CLOSED SESSION** – Personnel

Entered Closed session at 8:15, came out of closed session at 8:33

Motion to approve 4 new hires made by Rebecca, seconded by Beth, unanimous approval Allison abstained

**ADJOURNMENT** 1. Shall the Board adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.? Motion by Alisa Second by Al\_Vote: All Vote to approve