

Board Meeting



Date: February 24th, 2023	Meeting Time: 9:05 AM	Location: Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
Meeting called by	Sonia Kay	
Board Members Present	Valerie Silverman, Michael Kridel, Jay Huebner	
Board Members Absent	Nancy DiPierro, Eleanor Siklossy, Steve Padula, Orlando Ortiz	
Notetaker	Sonia Kay, Nadine Fagan; Recorded by Zoom	
Other Attendees	Debra Johnson, Jason Portman, Nadine Fagan	
Public/Board Comments		
	The gala was our best yet; the video was well done and really allowed people to connect with Connections mission.	
Board Minutes		
Presenter: Sonia Kay	Discussion: Approval of Board Minutes January 27 th , 2023	
Date of Minutes Reviewing:	January 27 th , 2023	
Amendments made:	None	
Motion Made by:	No quorum for vote. Will be voted on in March.	
Motion Second by:		
Discussion/Question:	.	
Treasurer's Report		
Presenter: Jason Portman	Screen share of Budget Vs Actual, GASB, and other documents sent by email	
	<p>Does not reflect the prorated FTE this month.</p> <p>We're building back up our fund balance to carry us through summer.</p> <p>When we budget, it's over 12 months however we're only in school 10 months. So for instance we are more field trip heavy now as opposed to at the beginning of the year, but it's still budgeted over 12 months. We had a lot of maintenance done on our transportation that should be evening out. Revenue is not being reflected exactly when it should be as we're a small</p>	

	organization. We're also overseen by the school district monthly on budget and they will point out when things are reaching our 100% for the year.
TSIA	Tentative approval of switching out the paraprofessionals for the therapists for funding allocation.
	Tabled pending decision on appeal.
Principal's Report	
Presenter: Debi Johnson	Principal Report on Screen
	<p>Dashboard covers details of the number of students, teachers, Covid status & funds raised to date.</p> <p>FTE- 88 Students currently</p> <p>Staffing- Full capacity</p> <p>Partnerships</p> <p>Special Olympics – Culmination event with Inlet Grove Highschool.</p> <p>Lynn University- Music Appreciation Program continues.</p> <p>Extraordinary Charities- Recipes for Success; Channel 12 news did a news piece and had a wonderful response- 2 restaurants inquired about possibly employing our students. The program ends March 16th with a Luncheon that the students will be planning, cooking, and serving.</p> <p>PBA Girls Softball CHSVC continues.</p> <p>La Posada – Five residents came for World Kindness Day to paint kindness rocks, and they had a great time with our students. We're also doing a reading event there for Dr. Seuss Day with some of our students.</p> <p>Big Brothers, Big Sisters-has been going well with the students coming monthly. Inlet Grove (where most of our BBBS students attend) has a behavior tech program and they will be coming to shadow ours here at the school once a month.</p> <p>Dental Students from PBSC have started their Internship .</p> <p>We were approved for Summer Camp Scholarships by and have started that process.</p> <p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Prom- TBD</p> <p>Graduation- TBD</p>
Jason/Debi/Soni	Fundraising/Marketing Update
	<p>Grants/Donations:</p> <p>Pending final monetary amt: IBIS, Ballen Isles, Lost Tree</p> <p>Applying- TD Bank, Quantum, Batchelor Foundation, Honda Cares</p>

	<p>-PGA donated \$3,000 for a School Garden and an additional \$2,000 for a commercial refrigerator.</p> <p>-American Heart Association has also awarded us funds for another commercial refrigerator.</p> <p>Gala</p> <p>\$484,000 raised! Lots of comments on people feeling more connected with the communication. One donation of \$150,000 raised during Call to the Heart. Using a paddle for bidding seemed to be enjoyed by the attendees.</p> <p>Hitting budgets for appeals and pledges. We're very close to our fundraising goals. Now working on corporate sponsors.</p> <p>Tours</p> <p>We've been having a lot of them; resulting in wonderful donations and other excellent opportunities.</p> <p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>March 16th – PGA group is coming to plant the raised gardens.</p> <p>April 8th Rooney Walk/Run (we are again a beneficiary charity)</p> <p>Fire Truck Pull – moved to September</p>
Jason	Facilities
	<p>Building- Justin visiting soon for the construction plan for the summer. It will include parking lot reconstruction and a security perimeter. We've been confirming totals for the roof (they have been going back and forth on that); electric and plumbing upgrades. Still trying to nail down totals for air condition upgrades. The HVAC will need to come before the roof. These numbers would be under Building Hopes numbers, not ours.</p> <p>-Referendum monies that were approved by the board will be going to security improvement.</p> <p>-Florio now has us on a maintenance and planning schedule with the air conditioning, and costs for that have come down.</p>
New Business	
Advancement Committee	
Valerie Silverman	
	Focusing on End of Year Appeal.

Motion for Adjournment	9:45 AM	
Motion Made By:	Michael Kridel	
Motion Seconded By:	Jay Huebner	
Discussion/Question:	None. Motion passed.	
Calendar		
Next Board Meeting:	Zoom Meeting March 24th at 9:00 am	
Minutes Approved		
Board Member:	<i>Sonia F. Kay, Ph.D.</i>	Date: 3/24/2023