


## Board Meeting



Date: April 28th, 2023	Meeting Time: 9:00 AM	Location: Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
Meeting called by	Michael Kridel	
Board Members Present	Jay Huebner, Steve Padula, Orlando Ortiz, Nancy DiPierro	
Board Members Absent	Sonia Kay, Eleanor Siklossy, Valerie Silverman	
Notetaker	Nadine Fagan; Recorded by Zoom	
Other Attendees	Debra Johnson, Jason Portman, Nadine Fagan	
Public/Board Comments		
<b>Board Minutes</b>		
Presenter: Sonia Kay	Discussion: Approval of Board Minutes March 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	
Date of Minutes Reviewing:	March 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	
Amendments made:	None	
Motion Made by:	Steve Padula	
Motion Second by:	Nancy DiPierro	
Discussion/Question:	None	
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>		
Presenter: Jason Portman	Screen share of Budget Vs Actual, GASB, and other documents sent by email	
	<p>-FTE is not adjusted till April. We're currently in a good place at \$50,000 + and will continue building that through the year's end.</p> <p>-Referendum Monies- New law is now unweighted vs weighted, looking at a loss of \$300,000. There is a settling of a lawsuit for retroactive monies that may possibly make up that deficit.</p> <p>-ESSER line was a grant through ELC we were unaware we were receiving.</p> <p>-RFP's for auditor have been sent out (hard copy through the mail). Will get email addresses to also send out via email.</p>	

Principal's Report	
Presenter: Debi Johnson	Principal Report on Screen
	<p>-Dashboard covers details of the number of students, teachers, Covid status &amp; funds raised to date.</p> <p><b>FTE-</b> 88 Students currently; increasing next year to 90 students. The waiting list is up from 60-80 to now over 150 applications.</p> <p><b>Staffing-</b> Full capacity</p> <p><b>Partnerships</b> No news currently.</p> <p><b>Events Upcoming</b> Prom- Friday, May 5th Graduation- Friday, May 19th</p>
Jason/Debi/Soni	Fundraising/Marketing Update
	<p>-Extending the "Draw the Line on Drowning" fundraiser by a week; finally gaining some traction.</p> <p>-Gala Event Committee looking at possibly a new site for next year and moving the date of the event by a week before our usual date.</p> <p>-Development Team has been doing well with social media and events, however, cultivating donors has been a weak point. A meeting is planned to discuss strengths and weaknesses, and possibly go in-house or hire another for donor cultivation.</p> <p>-Bus, now moved back to August for delivery. Let Lost Tree and the donors know about the delay.</p> <p><b>Grants/Donations:</b> Awarded: Lost Tree Pending: Honda Cares, Quantum, Florida Panthers, TD Bank Applying- Bachelor Foundation, United Way</p> <p><b>Upcoming Events</b> Fire Truck Pull – moved to September</p>
Jason	Facilities
	<p><b>Security Cameras-</b> The feed is archived for 10 days so it can be accessed if a situation happens. On average we need to access that archived footage three to four times a year. We can save clips for supporting documentation as needed. This policy is in the Parent/Student Handbook. We are very communicative with our families when incidents happen.</p> <p><b>Seclusion Rooms-</b> We do not have any seclusion rooms at Connections.</p> <p><b>Security-</b> We had an incident where a staff member accidentally overheard what they thought was a "Code Red" during morning drop-off. The security</p>

	<p>guard called 911 as we went on lockdown. The sheriff's office showed up 3-5 min later. They did their search and then cleared us. The sheriff's office was impressed with our response to the supposed threat.</p> <p>Admin met with the staff that afternoon to go over the breakdown of what happened and came up with new policies and procedures (call code, location, information), and then the threat assessment team takes over. In retrospect, it was a good thing. We do monthly code drills and it showed that they have had a positive impact on our response to a probable code. It also helped us tighten up areas where there might have been issues.</p> <p>There is a transition happening between the school police and the sheriff's office. The sheriff's office is currently running the drills however, they are still trying to switch over the paperwork side of things so there runs the possibility of being out of compliance.</p> <p><b>Building Hope-</b> Finished the scheduling for electric, HVAC, and roof. Also putting in a full perimeter fence, back to front with one entrance point. This is due to a concrete wall in the back that is in disrepair and allows perimeter breaches, mostly on the weekend. Expected to start after Extended School Year ends June 9<sup>th</sup> and finish by July 21<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>Cedrick has been doing a great job overseeing security and we now have our security officer Justin back after he left for another position, he works well with us.</p>
<b>New Business</b>	
	None currently.
<b>Motion for Adjournment</b>	09:37 AM
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Steve Padula
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Orlando Ortiz
<b>Discussion/Question:</b>	None. Motion passed.
<b>Calendar</b>	
<b>Next Board Meeting:</b>	Zoom Meeting May 31th at 6:00 pm
<b>Minutes Approved</b>	
<b>Board Member:</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> Date: 5/31/23 </div> </div>