

Board of Trustees Meeting (Tuesday, November 26, 2019)

Members present

Jeanette Betancourt, Maura Fitzgerald, Richard Bogle, Manu Bhagavan, Melissa Chin

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M

1. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Jeanette Betancourt Maura Fitzgerald, Richard Bogle, Manu Bhagavan, Melissa Chin were in attendance.

Also present from the school team were: Randi Berry, Dechelle Damien, Mark Crusante, Mihwa Park, Karrine Montaque and Brian Ferguson

2. CEO Report

- A. Professional Development cycle has been rigorous at both schools. Started off the launch of the IB program- teachers and building leaders have been visiting a lot of schools to learn and become familiar with the program. They are currently learning how to shift the lesson plans to become more IB focused.
- B. OWN 2- Year 2 of the school's operation
 - a. No testing grade yet since grade 3 is not in year 2. However, there are approximately 20 students in the third grade kids– 8 are ICT and are way behind. Therefore, leadership is focused on math and ELA coaching to intensify the work to help the students get caught up. In addition, we have been looking at additional intervention programs to help out the students in all areas of the curriculum.
 - b. Attendance- to get the students to the school on time. Incentive program to encourage the students to be on time.
 - c. OWN 2- building is half empty so we are exploring the idea of a UPK program to see if it would be beneficial for OWNCS.
 - d. NYJTL- hope to form a partnership for OWN 2 in the new year.
 - e. Searching for after school providers in the OWN 2 area so that we can provide the services for our students at OWN 2.
- C. New Generation standards- reviewed the changes.
 - a. Social Emotional Learning- guidance counselor programs- go into effect in 2020. All schools will be mandated to have a guidance counselor in elementary schools which will then lead into a guidance curriculum.

3. Facilities Committee Report

A. Ongoing Issues

- a. OWN 1 ES- decent plan of approach with EDC. Attorney has been in discussion with them.
- b. Looking into new cleaning service for our schools – have been looking at RFP proposals and would like to make a decision after Richard Bogle reviews all contracts.

- c. OWN 1 MS- Mark and Mario will be meeting with the attorney to discuss the ongoing issues at the middle school.
 - B. OWN 3 Status
 - a. Still dealing with the BSA.
- 4. CFO Report
 - A. Was able to publish the auditing report on 11/1. Nothing significant that the auditors pointed out during the most recent audit.
 - B. 401K was completed for the audit as well and was due in October. Looking to complete the 990. Have been addressing the past issues but confident that things will look better in the future.
 - C. Balance sheets have been strong.
- 5. PTO Report
 - A. National Parent Involvement Week- provided donuts outside of school
 - B. Started to record PTO meetings for parents so that they can learn the latest news.
 - C. Spirit Week- raised 4000 dollars in coins
 - D. Read-a-thon- 199 registered participants this year opposed to 78 last year.
 - E. Auction in March, 2020- Save the Date Invitations will be sent out.
 - F. Jacob Riis Immigration Workshop at the MS- not well attended but learned a GREAT deal – very informative and a lot of parents have been asking questions.
 - G. Will work together with OWN 2 PTO to help them to get started.
- 6. Resolution & Votes
 - A. Board has approved of the safety plan for both OWN 1 and OWN 2.