Wednesday, July 8, 2020

2pm, Virtual Meeting

In attendance: President Meghan Agresto, VP Al Marzetti, Treasurer Bryan Daggett, Secretary Allison Broughton, Susan Taylor, Frieda Harris, Teacher-Administrator Sylvia Wolff, Intern Lisa Alcott.

The meeting was called to order at 2:01pm. A quorum was established.

Board action

* + Approve June’s minutes—Al made a motion to approve. Meghan seconded, and all voted in favor.
  + Virtual Learning Plan approval (or review – Due 7/20)
  + Closed session at end – personnel hiring re: Jump Start summer program

President’s Report

* + Teacher-Admin Wolff and intern Lisa Alcott have been working on the virtual plan, due to the state on 7/20.
  + CIP has met twice this past month and will meet again on 7/15. CIP has approved the virtual plan.
  + Summer school/Jump Start—K-4 remediation for students who fell behind as a direct result of the school closure due to COVID. WEVS has received $16,500 from PRC 121 to fund the program. Teacher-Admin Wolff and Teacher Fennimore will run 10 sessions of an ELA and a Math club. Curriculum and supplies have been ordered.
  + EC Aide Allen is now officially an SP2. She moves into the same category of observation as all other WEVS teachers.
  + There are now 15 people on the waiting list, five have been added since the last Board meeting, as families relocate or plan to relocate to Corolla. Students must be a resident of NC in order to start school but not to be on the waiting list. Meghan does not anticipate losing any current students.
  + Yearbooks have been ordered and are being delivered.
  + Update on 611 IDEA grant- The application has changed platforms but is essentially the same as every other year. The grant pays a portion of Teacher Fennimore’s salary.
  + Self-assessment for EC – This is a requirement every year, but the format is new this year. Usually due at the end of July.

Treasurer’s Report

As we completed the 2019-2020 fiscal year, our financial position remains strong.

June data is preliminary only (data as of June 26th) as it’s early in July and the full year report from Acadia takes a little longer.

For the month of June, expenses were greater than revenues, but by far less than anticipated – only $ 5000. County checks (Currituck county $14,000 and Dare county $ 6,000) were larger than forecast and June expenses were about $11,000 less than average for the preceding 11 months.

For the year, the budget surplus will be $47,000 - $55,000 vs. year-end projection of $ 28,000.

Month-end assets included $75,000 in cash and $ 473,000 in CDs. Assets are 135% of annual expenses, a measure of financial health.

Our audit contract with SharpePatel PLLC has been approved by the state and is underway. We expect completion by October – November.

Curriculum Committee Report

Teachers have more professional development training ahead to prepare for successful implementation of virtual school; streamlining delivery will be a focus. Intern Alcott has provided a template for streamlined virtual learning. Teacher-Admin Wolff has included teachers on every component of the plans she and Intern Alcott are working on, including training videos. The Board may need to be more active in support of teachers. Teacher-Admin Wolff will let Board know if a retreat/workshop/training will help teachers prepare.

Building Committee

The Chapel will likely NOT divide the Fellowship hall this coming year, which could be easier for us this year with regard to social distancing.

Grievance Committee – no report

New Business – Virtual Learning Plan – a “Plan C” Virtual Learning Plan is due to the State for all schools or LEAs by July 20. The board reviewed and approved the plan submitted to them by Teacher/Administrator Sylvia Wolff. She and Intern Alcott drafted it and the CIP helped think through the details and edit.

Old Business – (see Teacher updates)

Teacher/Admin update

* Plan B discussions– Returning to school at 50% capacity could look several different ways: K-3 can attend all day, every day at the schoolhouse. Grades 4-8 could alternate days or weeks or mornings/afternoons at the chapel. Siblings being on different schedules is among the challenges of alternating schedules.
* Review of parent survey responses following virtual learning in the Spring—Struggles included engagement, communication and internet frustrations, lack of social interaction, and getting work done.
* Jumpstart- Will be 10 sessions, T/Th. Teacher Fennimore will lead math sessions, virtually, which will be one hour. Teacher-Admin Wolff will conduct ELA sessions, one-on-one for 30 minutes. Seven students will participate, doing both math and ELA.

Comment from the public – none

Closed session

Susan made a motion to end the meeting. Bryan seconded, and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:09pm.