



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Greenwich Country Club

### Attendees:

Present (22): Mario Forlini, JP Muir, Nicole Kwasniewski, Debra Hess, Grace Lockhart Djuranovic, Shari Aser, Jeff Coviello, Timothy Drinkall, Jaime Eisenberg, Laura Erickson, Carey Giannetti, Joui Hessel, Eva Maria Janerus, Alyssa Keleshian, Patrick Kerney, Caitlin Kraus-Long, Cory Logan, John Maus, Erin McCall, Karin McShane, Kirsten Reimer, Diane Viton

Absent (2): Hagar Chemali, Karen Oztemel

Total Board Attendance: 22 out of 24

Staff Attending: David Rabin, Jeremy Nappi

### Meeting called to order by Mario Forlini, Board Chair at 5:03 pm.

#### Welcome

Board Chair Mario Forlini welcomed everyone and thanked for being flexible with start time.

#### Approval of Minutes

Secretary JP Muir made a motion to approve the minutes from October 20, 2021. The motion was seconded by Board Member Debra Hess. The motion passed unanimously.

#### CEO Report

Highlights of the Report included:

- Update on ARP funding. We will be applying for ECAGS, Champions and Mental Health.
- Recap of recent Tudor Foundation meeting.

The Board went into a discussion around overall awareness and corporate support.

#### Comments

Mario discussed the importance of confidentiality around the board meetings and what is discussed.

Will be doing gift cards for the GPAT families. Asking each board member to donate \$80 so each GPAT family can have a \$50 gift card.

#### DEI Statement

A recap of the recent DEI calls was done.

Nicole motioned for the DEI statement to be approved by the Board as presented. Diane Viton seconded the motion.



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The motion passed with Patrick Kerney voting Ney and Karin McShane Abstaining.

**New Business**

Mario opened the floor to discussion.

The Board discussed the idea about a 5k event for the organization.

**Finance**

Vice Chair Debra Hess let everyone know that during the January budget review will need to increase the preschool scholarship line due to number of applications that have been received and this January vote will also set how much can be granted.

Eva Maria gave an update on the Audit and that the board will be voting at a standalone meeting to approve.

**Fund Development & Marketing**

Vice-Chair Diane Viton reviewed the Annual Campaign Status Report.

Sole Sisters is having first meeting on Dec. 2 at Burning Tree Country

**Community Impact**

Reading Champions beginning in Cos Cob and Julian Curtis. Math Champions pilot to begin in January at Cos Cob.

November CPC will be about Special Education.

**Board Affairs**

Vice-Chair Grace Djuranovic shared a Nominating update that waiting on 2 members to be approved by committee.

**Debra Hess made a motion to adjourn the meeting and enter Executive Session, seconded by Board Member Nicole Kwasniewski. The motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

An Executive Session followed.