

Minutes – November 14, 2023
South Buffalo Charter School
Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Members Present:

In Person: Chris Schafer, Elissa Tipton, Kathy Linhardt, Jen Mack

Virtual: Anne Marie Tryjankowski, Jim Weimer

Members Absent: Matt Szalkowski

Public Comment: None

Presentation: Special Education and English Language Learners 2023/24 – See Attached.

Board Reports:

- Executive Committee – None
- Academic Committee – None – however, Mr. Ehrle has put together a 15 year look back to be discussed with the Board at a later time.
- Facility Committee – Meeting on 11/14/2023 following Board Meeting.
- Finance Committee – Met and had meeting with accountant for audit.
- Human Resources/Appeals Committee – None

New Business:

- Motion to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting on October 10, 2023 was made by Kathy Linhardt; seconded by Jen Mack. Vote: All in favor.
- Enrollment Summary – See attached.
- Superintendent’s Report – See attached. In addition, Mr. Ehrle discussed his attendance at the NYS Charter School Association seminar in Albany. He attended 6 difference sessions; most discussing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Mr. Ehrle noted that we are already on a pace to get where we need to be. The sessions also discussed creating Alumni Associations. Mr. Ehrle gave credit to his team for getting us to a great position on meeting these goals.
- Consensus Agenda
 - Motion to approve the Schedule of Bills and Check Register for SBCS for October 2023 ONLY was made by Elissa Tipton; seconded by Jen Mack. Vote: All in favor.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathy Linhardt; seconded by Jen Mack. Vote: All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

English as a Second Language 2023-2024

- a. Total of 15 ESL students in K-8
- b. The previous year included 5 students in grade 8 who graduated.
- c. SBCS traditionally has around 15-20+ students in this subcategory.

Grade	ESL Students
K	2
1	4
2	2
3	2
4	3
5	1
6	0
7	0
8	1

Special Education 2023-2024

- a. The numbers presented here reflect start of school year. During the school year these numbers may change.
- b. These numbers are based on students who have an IEP (Individual Education Program).
- c. SBCS has students from 9 different districts that have an IEP.

GRADE	TOTAL IEP	SPEECH	LEARNING DISABILITY	OTHER HEALTH IMPAIRED
K	6	2	1	3
1	26	19	1	6
2	18	11	2	5
3	14	10	1	3
4	15	9	3	3
5	17	8	6	3
6	7	4	3	0
7	4	1	1	2
8	7	2	4	1

- d. 114 total IEP. 22 with LD. 26 OHI

Enrollment Summary

November 2023

As of November 9, 2023, we have the following:

K 97 (0)

1 101 (2)

2 102 (28)

3 102 (3)

4 103 (26)

5 102 (32)

6 102 (9)

7 102 (14)

8 99 (7)

Total = 910 (+8 since October 6)

The number in parentheses is the number of wait list students. Many grades have a considerable amount.

Report – November 14th

Halloween, Parent Teacher Conferences, Interim Assessments, Book Fair, Halloween dance,

October 23rd was our fall Pokémon Night. Over 140 students signed up to attend with their families. “716 Sports Cards and Collectibles” sponsored the event providing pizza and pop for all the attendees. Students spent 90 minutes buying and trading cards with not only each other but parents and several staff members. Several representatives from the PTO were also at the event to pass out the pizza and pop.

Mental Health Night was held on Wednesday, October 18th. Over 120 families attended! Students participated in yoga and fitness activities as well as made coping tools such as stress balls, worry buddies, scented playdoh and shaker bottles. Parents were able to speak with numerous community agencies and listen to Charle Peck from Thriving Educator share information about stress and how they can help their child manage it. Channel 2 and 7 both covered the event!

November 9th was our annual Veterans Day Parade. Over 40 Veterans came to SBCS and were met with applause, cheers and salutes from all of our students and staff. The associated art contest drew over 100 entries with three pieces that will be displayed in the front foyer. Channel 2 news provided morning and event coverage for the event as well.

Throughout the end of the first marking period, students completed interim assessments. Teachers and administrators utilize the data from these tests in many ways. At grade level team meetings, we celebrate the skills that our students have mastered. We then take a look at the areas of weaknesses and develop intervention activities and lessons to close those gaps. Similar questions in the weaker areas will then be added to the next round of interim assessments to determine how successful our interventions were.

Lots to talk about...

Behavior data comparative from SEPT./OCT. this year to last year

The overall trend of decreased write ups has continued this month compared to previous years. However, the total average daily write ups did increase from September to October.

Average write ups per day	September	October
2023-2024	0.94	1.47
2022-2023	2.09	4.9
2021-2022	1.7	2.4

On Halloween we trick or treated through the halls of SBCS. This year we added a twist as the PTO had 15 cars that parked around the playground side of the building for some trunk or treating in combination

with our trick or treating through the halls. Thank you to all the teachers, parents, and the board for helping with the tables and the trunk or treating.