**Baxter Academy May Board of Directors Meeting**

**July 18, 2023**

**6pm to 8pm**

Present: Nik Charov, Thorn Dickinson, Ruth Dean, Jana Lapoint, Dan Mickool, Justin Richards

**Called to order by chair Thorn Dickinson at 6:03pm**

Minutes

1. Executive director Anna Klein-Christie presented some celebrations including chess in the schools on Saturday mornings with 30 kids this summer also USM coding camp, a drones camp, and a language immersion camp. Enrollment as of today stands at 371 for September.
2. Thorn Dickinson motioned to approve the June 20th board meeting minutes as presented, Jana LaPoint seconded, all in favor with one abstention (Nik).
3. Treasurer Nik Charov presented a financial update. Deborah and Danielle have been successful in drawing down nearly two years of held up Local Entitlement funds, for a total of more than $200,000. The board recognizes their efforts to finally secure this overdue funding. The fourth quarter and full year 2023 financial numbers are coming together and will be presented at the August board meeting for discussion, approval, and submission to our authorizers and lenders.
4. Principal Cicy Po presented the new assistant principal. With Mary King returning to the classroom at another school, humanities teacher Alex Waters has been selected by the internal search committee to become the new assistant principal. Alex has been teaching at BA since **XXXX**. He has been an informal and formal leader at the school in restorative justice and peace studies and declares he is ready for the next rung on his educational mission.
5. Dan McKool joined the meeting at 6:15 PM.
6. Anna Klein-Christie presented an update on strategic planning. The school is forming a committee of faculty, students, parents, and board members with hopes of lots of partners and participation and a fall kickoff for strategic planning for the next five years of operation.
7. Retired school superintendent and former leader of the Maine Charter School Commission Bob Kautz presented to the board his thoughts and advice on board service for charter schools. There was much discussion and questions.
8. [other minutes?]
9. Thorn Dickinson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM, Ruth Dean seconded, all in favor.