**BOARD MINUTES**

**February 4th, 2015 5:00-8:00 PM Syringa Mountain School**

1. A Board Meeting of the Syringa Mountain School Board was held on February 4, 2015. Board Chair Greg Bloomfield presided. The following members were in attendance:

Greg Bloomfield, Board Chair

Paul Bates, Member

Phoebe Pilaro, Vice Chair

Ben Rogers, Board Treasurer

Bobbi Filbert, Parent Council Chair

Also in attendance:

Director, Dr. Mary Gervase

Pedagogical/Curriculum Director, Mende Coblentz

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM
2. Consent Agenda:
   1. Paul Bates made a motion to amend the agenda to add the parent survey to the agenda. Greg Bloomfield seconded the motion and the motion passes unanimously.
   2. Paul Bates made the motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for January 7 and 21, 2015. Ben Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.
3. Old Business
   1. Review of BCSD Response to Board’s request for a joint board work session and next steps.
   2. Committee Updates: The upcoming Hoe Down event was presented by Bobbi Filbert with a request to cover miscellaneous costs such as a small account for food and beverage.
   3. Next Parent Council meeting will be Wednesday11th, 6:00 PM. Weekly meeting every Monday morning for ongoing Hoe Down event planning.
   4. Development Committee: Annie Bloomfield has offered to develop a data base for donors. Greg Bloomfield and Phoebe Pilaro summarized potential contacts.
4. New Business
   1. Guest Mike Schlatter, Treasurer for the YMCA Board and SMS Parent spoke on public relations tips for non-profits. Some of his suggestions included starting the board meetings with a positive, personal story; growing the board composition to be diverse and with key community members who are well connected; development committee knows the contributors and fundraising is part of our modus operandi; Advisory Board for people who weren’t quite ready to commit or serve on committees and graduating them up from being interested to committed;  *“There’s a difference between interest and commitment. When you’re interested in something, you do it only when it’s convenient. When you’re committed to something, you accept no excuses; only results.”* Kenneth Blanchard
5. Paul Bates Made a motion to go into executive session as authorized by Idaho Code 67-2345b for personnel issues as identified by Open Meeting Law. Bobbi Filbert seconded the motion. A role call vote was taken: Phoebe Pilaro-yes, Bobbi Filbert-yes. Greg Bloomfield-yes. Paul Bates-yes. Ben Rogers-yes. Entered executive session at 8:10 PM.
6. The Board came out of executive session at 8:40 PM.
7. Next board meeting date: February 18th, 2015 beginning at 5:00 PM
8. Ben Rogers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bobbi Filbert seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Adjournment of February 4th, 2015 Board Meeting at 8:45 PM.