**BOARD MINUTES**

**October 1, 2014 5:00-8:00 PM Syringa Mountain School**

1. A Board Meeting of the Syringa Mountain School Board was held on October 1, 2014. Board Member Paul Bates presided in the absence of the Board Chair. The following members were in attendance:

Paul Bates

Phoebe Pilaro by phone

Hallie Star

Ben Rogers

Dr. Scott McLean

Director, Mary Gervase

Michelle Sandoz, Parent Council Representative

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM
2. A motion was made by Paul Bates to add a Public Comment item to the agenda. Ben Rogers seconded the motion and passes unanimously.
3. Public comment was taken and discussed. Supporting and mentoring SMS Teachers using both in-house expertise and outside consultants.
4. Ben Rogers made a motion to hire two consultants with extensive Waldorf experience as staff mentors not to exceed $4100. Dr. Scott McLean seconded the motion and motion passes unanimously.
5. Dr. Scott McLean made a motion to move the Parent Council Report to second on the agenda. Motion was seconded by Ben Rogers and passes unanimously.
6. Parent Council Report provided by Michelle Sandoz. Discussion of creating a Board position for a Parent Council representative. This will be considered by the Parent Council and brought back to the Board. Two day fundraising event scheduled for October 24th and 25th and details were shared with the Board. The Board is to submit their ticket request directly to Michelle and the number of personal invitations they need.
7. Hallie Star made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Ben Rogers seconded the motion and motion passes unanimously.
8. Request for Robyn Watson, the Development Director, to report to the Board at the October 15th meeting. Request for Dr. Gervase to provide an update on received donations. Phoebe Pilaro will serve as the direct Board contact between the Board and the Development Director. Request for Robyn to explore possible grant funding for the Chromebooks needed for the Idaho state testing.
9. Discussion of Board member Hallie Star’s request to form a Curriculum and Care Committee. Ben Rogers made a motion requesting Hallie to develop a formal plan for the committee. Dr. Scott McLean seconded the motion and motion passes unanimously.
10. The October 15th meeting will include a 20 minute presentation and discussion from Al McCord and Ali Long regarding a school nutrition proposal.
11. Director’s report included recommendation that the SMS school hours not be altered. Commendation was given to Kristin Funk and Mandy Palan for administering the state required Idaho Reading Indicator assessment. A report will be provided to the Board.
12. Dr. Scott McLean made a motion to adopt the After School Discipline Policy and Transportation Policy. Ben Rogers seconded the motion and motion passes unanimously.
13. Dr. Scott McLean made a motion to go into executive session at 8:20 PM as authorized by Idaho Code 67-2345b for personnel issues which is one of the identified legitimate reasons as identified by Open Meeting Law. Hallie Star seconded the motion and motion passes unanimously.
14. The Board came out of executive session at 8:25 PM.
15. Ben Rogers made a motion to approve the posting and hiring of a temporary employment of a part time paraprofessional classroom assistant for one to two months, with a progress report provided at the November 5th Board meeting. Motion was seconded by Dr. Scott McLean and passes unanimously.
16. Ben Rogers made a motion to adjourn the October 1st Board meeting. Hallie Star seconded the motion and motion passes unanimously.
17. Next board meeting date: October 15, 2014
18. Adjournment of October 1, 2014 Board Meeting at 8:30PM