

Syringa Mountain School
Board Meeting Minutes – 11/18/2020
APPROVED 12/16/20

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Public - 2

- I. 5:37 Opening
- II. Any Additions, Corrections, Modifications or Substitutions to the Current Agenda
 1. Move New Business (E) to first discussion item.
- III. Public Comment
 1. None.
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of the 10/21/2020 Board Meeting Minutes
 1. SV motion, RA second, All in Favor.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Financial Update - Current Picture
 1. Good cash reserves
 2. Action Item --motion to approve expenses targeted from FEMA reimbursement to CARES, SV motion, RF second, all approved.
 - B. Parent Council Update.
 1. Expecting 100% participation for Annual Fund Drive.
 2. Provided lunch for Teachers
 3. Contribution suggestions include Bank the Teachers, Gift Cards, Valley Bucks
 - C. Teacher Update.
 1. Teachers grateful for Parent Council activities
 2. Most have positive attitudes towards in school learning
 3. Balancing in school vs online education

VI. New Business

- E. (moved up in order) Discussion of SMS strategic plan proposal from Brian McCauley.

Proposed cost :\$12,000

Mr. McCauley proposal to facilitate the process, using state reports for statistical data, online questionnaires for stakeholders but would prefer in person interviews, or use a hybrid of survey monkey and zoom meetings. Could increase both financial and enrollment success. Possible tie in to Charter Renewal. Could start the process at the end of January or February 2021. Board needs to decide if/what plan would work.

- A. Current Staffing levels/quarantine numbers - 4 teachers quarantined for 14 days, Kindergarten quarantined, no excess resources but managing.
- B. What number on the Harvard Metrics is the tipping point to go remote? plan to follow Sage/Community/ Montessori schools decisions. Need to discuss with acting school nurse.
- C. Modifying our arrival procedures. Temp screenings don't appear to be "useful" for gauging - Nigel to modify procedures to include a verbal survey
- D. Action Item: In light of Mountain Rides ridership limitations buying a second hand van with CARES money to use as backup - currently have 2 vans with over 200,000 miles, not too dependable. Motion to explore purchase of Van with CARES funds plus \$5,000 by RA, second by SV, all approved
- E. (Moved up)
- F. Review of 2000 Board Policies - changes made #13 - 2210 to 5 days; #16 - 2240 to 20students/30 combined classrooms; #55 - 2630 to grades 4-8

- VII. Executive Session as Authorized by Idaho Code 67-2345b for personnel issues or other identified legitimate reasons as identified by Open Meeting Law if needed.

A. Not needed.

- VIII. Adjourned 7:51 pm