

Syringa Mountain School
Board Meeting Minutes – 1/22/2024

APPROVED

School Staff:

Christi Thompson-Director - Present

Kristin Funk- Virtual

Kelly O'Neil- Teacher liaison

Board Members:

Sarah Seppa- Present

Jennifer Barrett-Neet- Present

Chris Alexander- Present

Nora Roebuck- Present

Public attendance:

Mary Gervase

5:30 pm Time Quorum is present

- I. Opening Circle
- II. Any Additions, Corrections, Modifications or Substitutions to the Current Agenda
- III. Public comment
 - A. Mary Gervase
 1. Dr. Mary Gervase served as the first director of Syringa Mountain School, and wrote and presented the initial school application to the Idaho Public Charter School Commission for approval. She has followed the challenges and successes of the school since its inception. She praised the school's administrator, Christi Thompson and the present Board Members citing that under their steady and competent leadership, the school has met and exceeded every renewal condition set by the Idaho Public Charter School Commission. Not only that, Syringa significantly outperformed our local Blaine County School District and the State on student performance measures. From my experience starting and leading a charter school, and now mentoring charter school leaders, it is highly unusual for a charter school to perform highly in every single category set by the state. And knowing that the school has struggled in the past to meet the standards makes this success all the more compelling! Congratulations to the Syringa Mountain School Leadership, Board, Staff, Students and Parents!
- IV. Consent agenda
 1. All items listed are Action Items and the Board may approve all of the following items by a single motion or vote unless any member of the Board asks that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration under New Business. If an item is removed from consideration under the Consent Agenda and moved into New Business such items shall remain an Action Item for consideration of Board Approval.
 - a) [Board Meeting Minutes: 12/18/24](#)
 - b) Approve Financials: [December 2024](#)
 - (1) Chris Alexander made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Nora Roebuck seconded. All in favor, motion approved.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Strategic Planning
 1. Board Goals:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qjtdWDpPFK854341li2yFbO9ZTa0xYSpCB2PoyXwCIQ/edit?tab=t.0>
 - a) On target to meet budgeted fundraising goal
 - B. Parent Council Meeting Schedule

1. See meeting minutes:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kwt82lx9mZ90DMmkX5PtfvwJsJtdFffEuKJ3cJuf9kg/edit?tab=t.0>
- C. Financial Update
 1. We are in good standing
 2. We will hopefully have a surplus
- D. Teacher update
 1. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HEq-sol3hl9-1JVCBYxiQEe-tKsmaCdr9s_BK-vp_Rk/edit?tab=t.0
- E. Development Committee Update See meeting Minutes:
 1. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_qDrqoTu_XqRA4BjlitXODIO3e6IA74cfCZGnVjSMYc/edit?tab=t.0
 - a) Marketing for open house
 - (1) The Board approves up to \$500 Pizza
 - (2) Will be updated on the Idaho Mountain Express
 - (3) Flyer should be ready next week
- F. Outdoor Education Upgrades Updates
 1. Vans
 - a) Broker is budgeted so we will be searching for a broker to search for a van(s).
- G. Mental Health
 1. Opportunity:
<https://syringamountainschool.org/wp-content/uploads/Unplug-to-Connect-Flyer-Final-w-QR-ENGSPAN.pdf>
- H. Grant Opportunities
 1. Wood River Women's Foundation
 - a) Vans
 2. Spur
 - a) Mental health
 3. Early Literacy
 - a) Idaho Stars
- I. Director update:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xZcLnNNs6Fqkfvxyi0TPMQSfYEIUXfZAHHpuBoJ2jiM/edt?tab=t.0>
 1. Annual Performance Report 23-24
 - a) All conditions were met or exceeded expectations
 - b) Great Job
 2. Policy Updates 2000
 - a) Policy 2240
 - b) Policy 2420
- VI. Executive Session as Authorized by Idaho Code 67-2345d for personnel issues or other identified legitimate reasons as identified by Open Meeting Law if needed.
 - A. Going into executive session at 7:13pm: Sarah Seppa in, Jennifer Barrett-Neet in, Christopher Alexander in, Christi Thompson invited in. Mary Gervase.
 - B. All members back into open session at 8:15:pm
 1. Christopher Alexander made a motion to approve Norah Roebuck as a board member, Jennifer Barrett-Neet second, all in favor. Approved.
 - C. Adjournment of January 22nd, 2024 Board Meeting at : pm
 1. Jennifer Barrett-Neet made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Christopher Alexander will second, all in favor. Meeting adjourned
- VII. Next Board Meeting Date: February 19th, 2025
 - A. Things to address next board meeting
 1. Action items:
 - a) Each board member will reach out for recruitment
 - b) Financial surplus proposal
 - c) Send Ideas to Sarah about survey feedback by 1.29.25
 - d) Get schedule for committee meeting