SYRINGA MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Feb. 24, 5:00 – 7:00 PM Syringa Mountain School

Facilitator/Time Keeper: Minutes: Svea Grover

Attending: Greg Bloomfield, Phoebe Pilaro, Randy Flood, Bobbi Filbert by phone

Staff: Mende Coblentz, Svea Grover, Julie Evans, Helene Mengert

	Agenda Item	Time	Present	er Topic	
I.	Greg Bloomfield: Called the meeting to order 5:09 pm: Verse	5:0	The heart of the Waldorf method is the conviction that education is an art-it must speak to the child's experience. To educate the whole child, his heart and will must be reached as well as his mindRudolf Steiner		
II.	Public Comment-3 minutes per person. Permission of the Chairman of the Board to speak.	5:10	Public	None	
III.	Any Additions, Corrections, Modifications or Substitutions to the Current Agenda	5:20	Greg M	Mende: Switch New Business to Old Business due to some staff not yet here.	
IV.	Consent agenda a. Approval of Jan 20, 2016 and Feb. 3, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes	5:25	Greg P	Phoebe motioned to approve minutes from Jan. 20 th & Feb. 3 rd . Randy 2 nd . All approved -	
V.	Old Business a. Financial Update b. Legislative Committee	5:30 5:40 5:50	Bobbi Helene H	Report: Shortfall anticipated late March or early April Nothing to report Helene – changed date of Hoedown – working on way of underwriting, sponsorship of vents, businesses in the advertising of the event. Drafting an official invitation to the	

			Governor – Stefanie is friends with Laurie Otter and will email to her directly. Michelle Stinnet will be at the event, inviting Larry, etc will do a formal invitation to each of them. Much enthusiasm going into the collection of auction items by parent volunteers. Wrapping up Close the Gap – Helene is drafting a letter for parents to be able to send/give out to non-family members. 4th Grade at 100% - first one! Last push has gotten over \$800. Up to 72% schoolwide. List of 100 foundations: Helene has emailed all those they identified. Reaching out to find personal connections to large foundations etc
VI. New Business a. Potential new board members	6:00	Randy	New Board Member Interest: Stefanie O'Neill interested in serving on the board, as well as Christina VanDerMuelen, Jessica Banks and Amy Jonas also interested. Randy acknowledged that all interested are parents and that we do need outside influence as well, but that adding board members will add wisdom and help in many ways. Greg agreed and hopes that adding more parents will help with bringing in other members who are not parents. Kristin Albright has also expressed interest. Kristin Funk felt these names should be put out to the public for input. Question about what exactly does being on the board entail? Board needs to adopt official job description with specific needs of the board. Board Meetings: 3 rd Wed. of the month, plus any committee work. Responsible for the fiscal health of the school, time commitment varies, no personal financial commitment, Courtney Loving and Stefanie O'Neill talked about their strengths and weaknesses and interest. • Board should create specific information about needs to be filled, committees etcand put out to parent body. • Process moving forward: Vote to accept new members Put in newsletter that we are considering voting in the following board members, welcomes any feedback, swear in during March meeting. Motion to elect all above - Phoebe motioned, Randy 2 nd the motion. All approved.
b. Cost Proposal for storage area to code			Mende: Since we have voted to expand into 6 th grade, this extends our occupancy and bringing the 2 nd floor to code is important. We looked at what the min. requirements would be for these spaces to brought to code – egress, stairway and ventilation are not adequate

		currently and are not to code. Vital link submitted plans, we received cost proposal from Conrad brothers. \$96,400 to bring up to code as current use dictates. Based upon occupancy of over 50 persons – 6 th grade estimated at 18 and 4 th -5 th orchestra - 50, plus staff on 2 nd floor as well as resource room & small group work put us consistently well over the 50 person limit for egress regulations. If project took 3 months, we would need to begin June latest. Needs to be a capitol campaign to make this happen. Would need design review approval from City of Hailey. Greg feeling like modification to doorways and ventilation can be completed separately from the stairway. Idea of asking owner to complete these modifications and amortize over time.
c. ISBA Membership	Greg	ISBA: SMS could gain membership \$437.50 for the fiscal until June 30 th . \$1050 for the year. Offers benefits along lines of board training, gives us a labor policy consultant, Director job search benefits, some legal consulting. Bobbi wondering if there's much of a benefit to joining right now? Mende feels like there is especially with the potential of doubling board members next month – trainings, etc New board members education, existing board members opportunity to learn more about best practices. Board would like Svea to let them know we would like to join as of July 1 and to invoice us then.
d. Survey for Charter Performance Framework	Mende	Survey for Performance Network: This is our requirement of our charter – not an option. Have found a much less expensive option to what was first indicated. Must hold this survey this spring. This is a way to evaluate many indicators within our charter. Mary will help with the analysis of the information we receive. Cost will be \$499 and does require a contract. Phoebe motioned to approve the contract. Randy 2 nd . All in favor.
e. Calendar initial discussion	Greg	Calendar: Would like to gain parent and teacher feedback. Send general survey.
f. Advertising – Ice rink	Svea	Rink: Banner option: Due to closing for 3 months – hold off for now. Will take chance with next year. Put on the calendar for Sept. Rather put money into radio for time being.

	g. Hiring update h. Executive Session as Authorized by Idaho Code 67-2345b for personnel as identified by Open Meeting Law	Mende	We have 3 in-house & 3 external candidates for the teacher opening. We are in the 1 st stages of the process doing 1 st round contact. Collecting all staff intentions for next year. Next board meeting will present more information on this. Greg motioned to enter into executive session as authorized by the authorized code. Randy 2 nd . Roll Call:; Greg – yea, Randy – yea, Phoebe – yea, Bobbi – yea. Bobbi: 6 th grade concerns – feel we need to be direct about our intentions for the teacher and curriculum. Mende – needed to get staff commitments first. Team -teaching approach for diversity in instructions. Need to go through the process in house of who is qualified and interested in the Math /Science components. Phoebe concerned about retention of the class and wanting information to go out soon. Mention at the Open House. Talk about the program. Angie part of the 6 grade team. Julie: State of union of SPED – Request for additional staffing resources. Mende and Svea made admin. Funding and hours requests. 8:10: Greg motioned that we adjourn from Executive session – Randy – yea, Phoebe, yea, Greg, yea. Randy motioned to accept the funding requests proposed by the administrative team. All in favor –
VII.	Next Board Meeting Date: Mar. 16, 2016 5pm		
VIII.	Adjournment of Feb. 24, 2016 Board Meeting	8:30	

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SMS BOARD CALENDAR 2015-16

MONTH	DATE	COMPLTE?	AGENDA ITEM
JULY	7/	ongoing	STRATEGIC PLAN
AUGUST			BOARD ROLES AND COMMITTEES REVIEWED/ELECTED, REVIEW AUDIT RESULTS
SEPTEMBER	9/16	ongoing	BOARD SELF EVALUATION, GOAL SETTING, FUNDRAISING PLAN
OCTOBER	10/21	complete	REVIEW 2000 POLICIES
NOVEMBER	11/11	complete	REVIEW 3000 POLICIES
DECEMBER	12/16	Complete	REVIEW 4000 POLICIES
JANUARY	1/20	Complete	REVIEW 5000 POLICIES, SCHEDULE AUDIT, DIRECTOR EVALUATION BEGINS
FEBRUARY			
MARCH			REVIEW 7000, 8000 POLICIES, STRATEGIC PLAN
APRIL			REVIEW 9000 POLICIES, STAFF HIRING
MAY			MONITOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, REVIEW PROGRAM, PUBLISH PROPOSED BUDGET
JUNE			ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING, ANNUAL REVIEW OF BYLAWS

Student Count: 127
School Calendar:

February:

Feb. 1: Enrollment period opens

Feb. 9: Wake Up Hailey hosted at SMS

Feb. 10/11: Ski /skate days

Feb. 12: No students – teacher training Feb.11th pm - Feb. 14th am

Feb. 15: Presidents' day holiday - no school

Feb. 18: All school Parent Education Night 6pm

Feb. 23: All FEDERAL MONITORING DOCUMENTS DUE

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March:

Mar. 2: Open House – current and new students & families invited Mar 3-4: Parent Teacher conferences