

**Syringa Mountain School**  
**Board Meeting Minutes – 2/15/2022**  
**Approved 3/16/22**

School Staff:

Nigel Whittington-Director  
Christi Thompson- Minutes  
Daniel Edwards- Tech Zoom Coordinator  
Pat Owen- Teacher Liaison  
Kristin Funk- Board Policies  
Shawn Myers- Teacher  
Bette Reed- Business Manager

Board Members:

Mike Allaire  
Sandi Viau  
Anthony Miller  
Michele Harris  
Jennifer Barrett-Neet

Public:

- Carter Cox
- Sarah Seppa
- Tamara Baker
- Megan Burns
- Jamie Truppi

5:32 TIME Quorum is present

- I. Public comment:
  - A. Tamara Baker- Concerns on mask mandate and would like to see parent choice on this.
  - B. Erik Wesley read by Michele- concerns of speed in the drop off and pick up areas due to local businesses.
  - C. Carter Cox- wants to see mask stay as not worth the risk at this point with so much unknown. Appreciate that we are on the conservative side in this unknown time. In support of masks at this time in schools.
- II. 1/19/22 Michele motioned to approve minutes Second Anthony - Motion carried
- III. 1/24/22 Mike motioned to approve minutes Second Michele - Motion carried
- IV. 1/26/22 Michele motioned to approve minutes Second Sandi - Motion carried
- V. Commendation for achievement over the last three years
  - A. [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CeFbuofD1Q0VoX7aheTHRyPy6Rm\\_C0KrWCSF8e7FeBc/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CeFbuofD1Q0VoX7aheTHRyPy6Rm_C0KrWCSF8e7FeBc/edit?usp=sharing)
  - B. Share Charter Board Commission Data
- VI. Financial Update:
  - A. Feb payment came in higher than anticipated
  - B. Approval accounts payable: Sandi motioned to approve- Michele seconded- Motion carried
- VII. Teacher Update:
  - A. Would like board members to introduce themselves
  - B. Working on open house and super excited to see what tomorrow brings
  - C. Camping trip have been planned and fundraising under way by classes to make that happen

- D. Farm & Garden needs to be addressed for next year - they would like this position opened for next year
- E. Request: Search out grants for the outdoor program for next year
  - 1. Carter Cox will start searching this out for next year
  - 2. It needs to be added to next year budgeting to guarantee so it can happen.
- VIII. Parent council update:
  - A. Thank all the teacher and parents that have been willing/able to help with open house
  - B. Wood River Foundation Site visit went well
  - C. Marketing is being worked on with strategic plans etc.
- IX. Hiring Committee
  - A. Admin- Bette, Nigel, Funk (2 only vote)
  - B. Board- Michele, Mike, Jennifer
  - C. Teachers- Owen, Oliphant
  - D. Parents- Tenaya Kolar, Sarah Seppa
    - 1. First round of emails - week to weed out resume - Wednesday 2/23 5:30
    - 2. Confidential agreements signed ASAP
    - 3. Reactive Tenaya email & create Sarah an email for this committee
- X. Accept Resignations - VOID did not come in.
- XI. SpEd GSFR- Compliant
- XII. 2000 Policy Review- amendments made
- XIII. Sick Pay & Covid Booster Shots
  - A. Unclear on the Booster shot for fully vaccinated
    - 1. Following CDC - Sandi
    - 2. Add Booster- Mike, Anthony, Michele,
      - a) CDC website: CDC now recommends booster shots at 5 months after the completion of the primary series of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for those aged 12 and older.
      - b) MODIFICATIONS TO AMENDMENT MADE READS AS:

To clarify that if you are fully vaccinated, but not eligible for a booster, or boosted if eligible, we keep sick leave agreement in place. The agreement is ESSER funds will be applied for to cover sick leave if the above conditions are met and staff will be able to keep sick leave in their bank. You will need to provide proof of test results to be eligible for ESSER benefits.

SMS has rapid tests available so we can change the flow chart on coming to work.

Rapid tests - If you didn't get your free ones from the Federal Government Syringa will have a limited amount from SCPHD. This is our first line of defense should a teacher wake up 'under the weather' - we are testing to come to school. Send a picture of your test if positive - I will need it for record keeping.

If you still want to take a PCR lab test, that is your choice, but plan on working.

Effective 2/15/22

- ESSR FUND SICK LEAVE POLICY: Mike motioned to approve- Anthony seconded- Motion carried
- XIV. Executive time -NO NEEDED

END TIME- 7:55pm