

**Syringa Mountain School
Board Meeting Minutes – 2/19/2025**

Approved

School Staff:

Christi Thompson-Director - Present
Kristin Funk- Virtual
Shawn Myers

Board Members:

Sarah Seppa- Present
Jennifer Barrett-Neet- Present
Chris Alexander- Present
Nora Roebuck- Not Present
Brian VanderWyst- New

Public attendance:

Michele Harris
Nicole Fuentes

5:40 pm Time Quorum is present

- I. Opening Circle
- II. Any Additions, Corrections, Modifications or Substitutions to the Current Agenda
- III. Public comment
 - A. Nicole Fuentes
 1. Shared support for adding mental health support for the school and mostly for the teachers.
 - B. Brian VanderWyst
 1. Shared support and asked about how the Board would be quantifying the benefit of a mental health person to the Syringa community going forward.
- 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: [1/22/24](#)
 - b) Approve Financials: [January 2025](#)
 - (1) Chris Alexander made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Jennifer Barrett-Neet seconded. All in favor, motion approved.
- V. Old Business
 - A. [Snow Day Closure](#)
 1. Chris Alexander made a motion to approve the snow day closure, Jennifer Barrett-Neet seconded. All in favor, motion approved
 - B. Strategic Planning
 1. Board Goals:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qjtdWDpPFK854341li2yFbO9ZTa0xYSpCB2PoyXwCIQ/edit?tab=t.0>
 - a) Marketing the lottery at Grocery Outlet
 - b) Board recruitment: would like one more member to join
 - (1) Sarah and Chris will come up with a competency assessment to recruitment
 - C. Parent Council Update

1. See meeting minutes:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kwt82lx9mZ90DMmkX5PtfvwJsJtdFffEuKJ3cJuf9kg/edit?tab=t.0>
 2. Pizza days will go to development committee for discussion for next year
 3. Garage Sale will go to development committee
 - D. Financial Update
 1. Fundraising looks on track
 - E. Teacher update
 1. Happy School!
 2. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O8TzJyP6lXZs1_AJ8H5ulMsnRCPaQ51UWbWcFp8xFcQ/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.qlufij9then9
 - F. Development Committee Update See meeting Minutes:
 1. https://syringamountainschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2_12_25-DevelopmentCommittee-meeting-minutes.pdf
 - a) Lottery:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/148SbsQAn94YxuH2P2RwULYsrOWESqyYp2b4CZlQXY8s/edit?tab=t.0>
 - b) Open House feedback:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Z_0FMoG2Zrrh1fMgHk3hblLzCJQzze2Jyv4SjLEMe1o/edit?tab=t.0
 - G. Outdoor Education Upgrades Updates
 1. Vans:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EcR_fx49wb6Gmr-NI9Yxic6i0NkmPa5B2I2eUNSBXQc/edit?tab=t.0
 - a) Board supports Administrator pursuing the 2 current options
 - H. Mental Health
 1. Proposal:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jPPua5j66Wcayr4nDr_uaDIEZQTddNf4U41OuCiG7rQ/edit?tab=t.0
 - a) Proposal - Mental health support proposal
 - (1) Action item: Chris Alexander makes a motion to approve the proposal for the mental health support, Jennifer Barrett-Neet seconded, all in favor.
Motion Approved.
 - I. Director update:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UMPTwVlrb2LquwXLFgPn2NKkiGD911JIBsY8OyWNDk4/edit?tab=t.0>
 1. This proposal will be put into the budget and brought to the board at that time.
 2. Policy Updates:
 - a) 3000's:
 - (1) 3100
 - (a) Administrator updated the board about high risk students
 - (2) 3300
 - (a) Administrator updated the board about drug-free school zone
 - (3) 3570P
 - (a) Updated the board on process of the for Record shredding
 - J. Proposal - New Board Member B.VanderWyst:
- 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 7:15pm: Sarah Seppa in, Jennifer Barrett-Neet in, Christopher Alexander in, Christi Thompson invited in.
 - B. All members back into open session at 7:32 pm
 1. Christopher Alexander made a motion to approve Brain VanderWyst as a board member, Jennifer Barrett-Neet second, all in favor. Approved.
 - C. Adjournment of February 19th, 2024 Board Meeting at 7:45: 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: March 19th, 2025

A. Things to address next board meeting

1. Action items: