

Syringa Mountain School
Special Board Meeting Minutes – 4/13/2022
Board APPROVED 5/18/22

School Staff:

Nigel Whittington-Director
Pat Owens-Teacher Liason
Christi Thompson
Bette Reed
Amy Schlatter

Board Members:

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

Public attendance:

Carter Cox-
Sarah Seppa
Tamara Baker
Meg Burns
Aly Swindly
Cuyler Swindly

5:30 TIME Quorum is present

I. Public comment:

- A. Tamara Baker-
- B. Carter Cox- Supportive of the Hiring of Christi Thompson. Asks that board and hiring committee send messages of unity. Also asks that the board trains and works towards efficiency.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of 3/16/22 Board Meeting- Mike Allaire made a motion to approve, Anthony Miller seconded
- B. Approval of 3/17/22 Work Session Board Meeting-Mike Allaire made a motion to approve, Michele Harris seconded
- C. Approval of 3/19/22 Special Board Meeting- Mike Allaire made a motion to approve, Sandi Viau seconded
- D. Approval of 4/6/22 Special Board Meeting- Mike Allaire made a motion to approve, Michele Harris seconded

III. Old Business

A. Financial Update

- 1. Sandi Viau- No finance committee meeting prior to the meeting.

a) We are a little more than 50% of what we budgeted for in donations.

2. State Bonus

a) We could get money per staff member. Will meet at the finance meeting for the month.

B. Teacher Update

1. Thanks: to Christi, to parent council for taking on May Faire
2. Hiring committee is forming for teacher search
3. Please spread the word for May faire
4. Fundraisers on going for class outings.

C. Parent Council update

1. May Faire is getting organized
2. Jane Alexander is working with others to get the melt program in action
3. Michele is finalizing the raffle sponsors and donations
4. Working on communication efforts to reach parents and a newsletter

D. Strategic Plan Update

1. Carter Cox and Anthony Miller took the plan and organized/took priorities and put it into an action plan. Putting the priorities together. Got feedback from the teachers in a staff meeting.

Board discussion about items

- a) See Action Plan/Priorities
2. Action item: Approve strategic plan priorities: Sandi Viau made a motion to approve, Anthony Miller seconded
3. Next steps in to prioritize-Carter will send a survey
4. Mission and Vision will be prioritized and will come to the next meeting

IV. New Business

- A. Action Item: vote in new board member Jonathan Casey- III, Tabled until
- B. Board Policies: 3000 Series & Code of Ethics-will do at next meeting due to illness
- C. Action Item: Approve monthly payables- Sandi Viau made a motion to approve, Mike Allaire seconded
- D. Meeting format: Stay on zoom or move back to in-person at the school
 1. We legally can stay online.
 2. We will stick with online for now
- E. Introduction of potential board member, Sarah Seppa
 1. Introduced herself. Wants to be more involved in the decision making process.
- F. Idaho Gives: Board donation.
 1. Carter Cox- Giving day in Idaho. Exclusively online. Email and Social Media.
 - a) We need more donations

V. Executive time- 7:02

A. Sandi Viau, Anthony Miller, Michele Harris, Mike Allaire, Jennifer Barrett-Neet, Carter Cox

VI. Out of Executive Session and into regular session- 7:34