

Syringa Mountain School
Board Meeting Minutes – 4/17/2023
Not Approved

School Staff:

Christi Thompson-Director

Shawn Meyers-Teacher Liaison

Kristin Funk- Administrative Assist

Board Members:

Mike Allaire

Jennifer Barrett-Neet

Sandi Viau

Public attendance:

Michele Harris-Parent Council Liaison

5:30 pm Time Quorum is present

- I. Public comment
 1. None
- II. Consent agenda
 1. All Matters are Action Items 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 Minutes: 3/15/23
 - b) Financials:March 2023
 - (1) Sandi Viau made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Jennifer Barrett-Neet seconded. All in favor, motion approved.
- III. Old Business
 - A. Parent Council update
 1. Busy time of year
 - a) Bake sale when well-\$320
 - b) Teacher Appreciation Week
 - (1) Potluck, flowers, lunch potluck, loveletters, chocolate bars
 - (2) Mayfaire-Activity stations
 - (3) Raffle is going well, will update during fundraising
 - (4) Sticker Contest-Top 3 chosen
 - (a) Will print top 3
 - (b) Available at Mayfaire
 - (5) Working on Mr. Nigel book award
 - (a) Teachers will nominate
 - (i) 6-8
 - (6) Summer chick care
 - (a) Out in email
 - (7) PC will man a booth for bike-to school on May 17th.
 - B. Teacher Update
 1. Grateful to the parent council
 - a) Isats snacks
 2. Contract Questions
 - a) When will they be given?
 - b) Waiting for pay increased based on state legislation

- (1) Need new salary schedule
 - 3. Science Curriculum
 - a) Committee needs to be formed
 - (1) We have to approve a policy before moving forward
 - (2) Policy 2520 (or new policy 2540)
 - b) Teacher would like to move forward with
 - 4. Spring Trips/Bus concerns
 - a) What budget line item will it come out of if they rent
 - b) Vans will be taken to shop for assessing if travel is safe
 - 5. Kiwanis club has donate \$500 towards the outdoor trip equipment
 - a) School is gathering aluminum cans to donate back to Kiwanis club
 - 6. School Trips are difficult to manage
 - a) Would like help packing the food for upper grades
 - (1) Feels like this is too much for just one staff member
 - 7. Would like to feel appreciated
 - 8. % highlight
 - a) Began to plant seeds for their fundraiser
 - (1) Co-inside
 - b) 2 hours of volunteering with the hunger coalition
 - c) 6th graders
 - (1) Community service hours of 150 hours donated to be knighted
 - d) 4 day spring trip to Yellowstone coming in May.
- C. Financial Update
- 1. Please see minutes from 4.19,23
 - a) Notes:
 - <https://syringamountainschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-04-19-SMS-FC.pdf>
 - b) Thank you Shannon Harris
 - c) Thank you Daniel Edward
 - d) Next meeting is May 12 at 9
- D. Fundraising Update
- 1. Raffle ticket sales at about \$17,856
 - 2. The organization of this fundraiser this year has worked much better and people are still interested
 - 3. Wicked Spud fundraiser
 - a) Mandy Allaire will take over this: Aug 2, 2023
 - Notes:
 - https://syringamountainschool.org/wp-content/uploads/Fundraising-Committee-Agenda-and-Minutes-4_10.pdf
 - 4. Non staff event
 - 5. Event like Hoe down: will present meeting ideas at the next meeting for next year.
 - 6. Thank you to Carter Cox for spearheading the Idahogives campaign.
 - 7.
- E. Marketing/Enrollment Update
- 1. Notes:
 - <https://syringamountainschool.org/wp-content/uploads/Marketing-Enrollment-Minutes-April-10th.pdf>
 - 2. Thank you Crystal O for efforts
- F. Director Update
- 1. See update:
 - https://syringamountainschool.org/wp-content/uploads/DirectorUpdate4_23.pdf
 - a) Legislative updates are included.
 - 2. Class size discussion
 - a) Policy update 2240
 - 3. Powerschool is a SIS we will begin using starting tomorrow
 - a) Implementation beginning in July

G. Action Item: Puberty Education

1. Boys
2. Girls
 - a) John Casey made a motion to approve the Puberty Education, Sandi Viau seconded the motion, all in favor, no discussion.

IV. New Items

A. Action Item: Looping changes

1. All the teachers are on board for a 2 year loop.
2. Would interview teachers for best fit
 - a) Jennifer Barrett-Neet made a motion to approve the 2 year looping in grades 1 through 4, Sandi Viau seconded the motion, all in favor, no discussion.

B. Policy Updates

1. See updates here
 - a) <https://syringamountainschool.org/wp-content/uploads/Looping-Statement-Agenda.pdf>
 - b) Sandi Viau made a motion to update the policies listed above, John Casey seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

V. Adjourn meeting at 8:57 pm

- A. Sandi Viau makes a motion to adjourn, John Casey seconded. All in favor, motion approved.