

**Syringa Mountain School  
Board Meeting Minutes – 4/24/2024**

**APPROVED**

School Staff:

Christi Thompson-Director - Present virtually

Janessa Corrao-Ball - Present

Shawn Meyers - Present

Board Members:

Mike Allaire - Present

John Casey - Present

Chris Alexander- Present

Jennifer Barrett-Neet- Present

Sarah Seppa - Present

Public attendance:

Michele Harris - Present

Jennifer Bowen

6:21 pm Time Quorum is present

- I. Opening Circle - Janessa
- II. Any Additions, Corrections, Modifications or Substitutions to the Current Agenda
  - A. No update for Growth & Land
- III. Public comment
  - A. No public attendance
- 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 Minutes: 3/13/2024
    - b) Financials: March '24
      - (1) Sarah Seppa made a motion to approve the consent agenda, John Casey seconded. All in favor, motion approved.
- V. Old Business
  - A. Parent Council update given by Michele
    1. See minutes:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mTTdP1UICQMSV42Q2XnkgRW5d6SCAdtdW8W-Hf2cNxE/edit>
    2. Approval of new bank signers due to a new account due to fraud-
      - a) Signers: Christi Thompson, Daniel Edwards, Michele Harris
        - (1) Sarah Seppa made a motion to approve the consent agenda, John Casey seconded. All in favor, motion approved.
  - B. Teacher Update
    1. April is a busy month
    2. ISATs are in full swing
    3. Teachers feeling appreciative of the appreciation week
    4. Spring trips are coming up
    5. Mandy Stephan is in for Mr. Pat while on Paternity leave
    6. Kori will be returning May 1st
    7. Ms. Cheryl will be in to sub most of the rest of the year
    8. Kids and teachers are preparing for and Mayfaire

9. Kids and teachers are preparing for and the Art showcase
    - a) Will donate a local artists work
    - b) One attendees will take home the school collective art piece
    - c) Put in the Mountain Express Calendar
    - d) Sarah Seppa will ask parent to write a press release about showcase
  - C. Financial Update
    1. See March Financials:  
<https://syringamountainschool.org/wp-content/uploads/FinancialsAP.pdf>
  - D. Development Committee Update:
    1. Please see minutes:  
<https://syringamountainschool.org/wp-content/uploads/4.10.24-Committee-meeting-minutes.pdf>
      - a) Raffle ideas to raise more money
        - (1) Txtwire
  - E. Director Update
    1. Please see document:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B-KrEcQummK7k51U1EeLCq9CwDm9A4-aLv5TjPYfK0g/edit>
      - a) Walkabout
      - b) Discussion on priorities in spending for reinvesting in the school
        - (1) John and Mike will lead the discovery of school classroom reconfiguration
        - (2) Will begin to start budget projections
  - F. Board Policies 6000 Series Updates
    1. Postponed till next meeting
  - G. Syringa Growth & Land Acquisition
    1. No New update
  - H. Discuss Goals
    1. Board
      - a) <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JHTwpuCvxYiUPdef8RfkzGEkRvT4dDBOI54-yl6awN4/edit>
- VI. New Business
- I. Director Evaluation
    1. Will be on the next meeting
      - a. Board will get evaluations to the chair before May 15
  - J. Rotary Presentation \*1st ITEM OF BUSINESS\*
    1. Jennifer Bowen
      - a. Shared a brief introduction to rotary, goals, and structure of choosing recipients of their awards
      - b. \$25,000 Awarded to Syringa over 5 years in equal increments
      - c. School to come to a board meeting to accept the check
      - d. The school will share with the public that we have their support
- VII. Executive Session
- A. Christopher Alexander made a motion to go into executive session, Sarah Seppa seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed at 8:25.
  - B. John Casey made a motion to come out of executive session, Christopher Alexander seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed at 8:40.
- VIII. Adjourn meeting at 8:44 pm
- A. Sarah Sepah made a motion to adjourn the meeting, John Casey seconded. All in favor, motion approved.
- IX. Next Board Meeting Date: May 22, 2024