

Syringa Mountain School
Board Meeting Minutes – 5/22/2024

APPROVED

School Staff:

Christi Thompson-Director - Present

Janessa Corrao-Ball - Present

Kristin Funk-Present virtually

Board Members:

Mike Allaire - Present

John Casey - Present

Chris Alexander- Present

Jennifer Barrett-Neet- Present

Public attendance:

Michele Harris - Present

5:33 pm Time Quorum is present

- I. Opening Circle - Janessa
- II. Any Additions, Corrections, Modifications or Substitutions to the Current Agenda
- 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: 4/24/24
 - b) Special Board Minutes: 5/8/24 Amended flu day to 4/12/24
 - c) Financials: April 2024
 - (1) John Casey made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Jennifer Barrett-Neet 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-Hf2cNxedit>
 2. Parent Volunteer Appreciation last day of school at drop-off
 3. Parent Council will be restructuring its leadership
 - a) People are committed to almost all pieces but will continue to work through that
 - b) We will know more in the fall for sure
 4. Michele Harris will stay on as the Liaison between the school, parents, and board
 5. We need to approve Christi Thompson to be on the parent council account as a signer as the administrator
 6. Parent council elections will be in the fall
 7. PC will organize events over the summer
 8. PC will call all new families to welcome them to the school over the summer.
 9. Wicked Spud fundraiser
 10. Staff appreciation was well received by the staff
 11. Volunteers needed for summer projects

- a) Maintenance/building help
 - b) Chicken care
- 12. Next year parents are looking at supporting a non-perishable snack program
 - a) This may be done through the hunger coalition and supplemented further by parents
- B. Teacher Update
 - 1. 4th-8th grades went on trips or on their trip right now
 - 2. May Faire was a success
 - 3. Isat testing is finished
 - a) Things look good so far
 - 4. Teachers are meeting for their final meeting with the Administration and getting their evaluations and contractions
 - 5. Art Showcase on Thursday next week
 - 6. Bellevue Park day on Friday next week at 11:30-1:45
 - 7. In the last few weeks of school
 - 8. New teacher liaison will come to join by the July board meeting
- C. Financial Update
 - 1. See April Financials:
 - <https://syringamountainschool.org/wp-content/uploads/APMay23.pdf>
 - 2. Financial committee will meet on Friday to discuss the Budget
 - 3. Fundraising was a success this year
- D. Development Committee Update:
 - 1. Please see minutes:
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Vis_Slygz-7IZsU8rBjMddWaeRNEYfl6M8KBTUyL6OM/edit
 - 2. Fundraising goal was met
 - 3. Enrollment goal was met but will be continue to be a goal
 - 4. Parent council will get a list of responsibilities so that the board can support as needed
 - 5. Flyers for the art showcase still needs to be posted up around town
 - a) Email can go out to families
 - 6. Final pizza fundraiser was today and will have the final numbers by the next meeting
- E. Director Update
 - 1. Please see document:
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LVVqPrqjNlmo7xE2tDH4Pm_XAQ_nJRmcyKZA9ph7p0/edit
 - a) We need to get moving on whether or not to remove s wall to expand the spanish room
 - 2. Systems in place are going well and seem to be working better
- F. Board Policies 6000 Series Updates
 - 1. All up to date
- G. Syringa Growth & Land Acquisition
 - 1. Our connection will continue to work through the community about more land
- H. Discuss Goals
 - 1. Board
 - a) <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JHTwpuCvxYiUPdef8RfkzGEkRvT4dDBOI54-yl6awN4/edit>
 - b) Safety
 - (1) Moving forward with the front doors and key cards
 - (2) Waiting to hear back from the contractors
 - (3) Meeting with police officer
 - c) Maintaining the uniqueness
 - (1) Update on the success on Mayfaire, teacher appreciation successes
 - (2) Outdoor program funding
 - d) *Financial Health

- (1) Enrollment/Attendance - upped by 15% which will add funds
- (2) Fundraising- We exceeded our goal by over \$30K
 - (a) Looking and more leads for support with the fundraising

e) *Engagement

- (1) This area will be defined over the summer
- (2) Parents
 - (a) Skate night
 - (b) Rotarun
 - (c) Wicked Spud
 - (d) Goal for the next calendar year
 - (e) Maybe the Farmers Markets

- (3) Teachers
- (4) Students
- (5) Outside Community

f) Student Achievement

- (1) Supported professional development to meet learning targets

g) Teacher Support, Retention

- (1) Upped payscale
- (2) Provided teacher appreciation gifts from the board

h) Better Process and Governance

- (1) Development committee
- (2) Policy review
- (3) This area will be defined over the summer
- (4) Will look at a board retreat
- (5) Commit to a July Meeting

VI. New Business

VII. Adjourn meeting at 7:08 pm

- A. Christopher Alexander made a motion to adjourn the meeting, John Casey seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

VIII. Next Board Meeting Date: June 18, 2024