

Syringa Mountain School
Board Work Meeting Minutes – 8/25/2021

Approved 9/15/21

Nigel Whittington*
Mike Allaire*
Christi Thompson*
Brian McCauley*
Nathan Twichell*
Randy Flood*
Sandi Viau*
Pat Owen*
Mandy Allaire*
Alli Burns*
Amy Schlatter*
Tamar Baker*
Keith Davis*
Kristen Funk*
Shawn Meyers*
Crystal Oliphant *

- I. Opening: 5:30
- II. Additions, Corrections, Modifications, Substitutions
 - A. Rachel Ardnt time and service
 - B. Nathan Twitchell as Board Chair
 - C. Strategic plan - Item D Old Business
- III. Public Comment
 - A. Tamara Baker comments regarding masking
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of 7/21/21 BOD Meeting Minutes
 1. Motion to approve by NT. 2nd by RF. All in favor.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Financial Update
 1. No update this month.
 - B. Teacher Update - Pat Owen
 1. Farm and Garden Vacancy
 - a) Teachers will work keep programming running
 - b) Needs time and resources for spring
 - (1) Rodent control and maintenance for next summer
 2. Strategic planning comments from teachers
 3. Cory has relationships with people willing to commit time and resources to adding a new roof rack to one of the vans.
 4. Music program will not include strings
 - C. Approve contract/partnership with Mountain Rides - \$800 in October, \$700 in March
 1. There will be a bus stop outside school for kids getting on the Hailey bus
 - D. Strategic Plan Discussion

1. A special meeting is needed to discuss in more depth.
2. How is fundraising going?
 - a) We have 2 commitments for the the first \$25k. A third donor has expressed interest to help once we move things a bit further along.

VI. New Business

- A. Action Item: Approve Ashley Mekeel contract
 1. Certified Idaho Music Teacher.
 - a) Can be partially reimbursed from state.
 - b) String potentially can come from other sources.
 2. Motion to approve by RF; 2nd by MA. All in favor.
- B. Action Item: Approve Christi Tompson SpEd contract
 1. Christi will be a certified teacher/contract
 2. Motion to approve by NT; 2nd by SV. All in favor.
- C. Action Item: Review/Amend SMS rescue plan. Include SCPHD metrics as a measure for determining local risk. Invt Mandy Allaire and Alli Burns to discuss current best practices.
 1. Discussion on what metric(s) if any to follow.
 - a) Consensus to follow guidelines for masking indoors?
 - (1) Follow CDC guidelines for masking quarantine, etc.
 - (2) Use Idaho DPH color levels (7 day running average)
 - (3) Cares money to cover sick days for vaccinated staff.
 - b) Can the indoor ventilated spaces be considered outside?
 - (1) -No
 - c) Motion by RF to accept above recommendations. 2nd by MA. All in favor.
- D. Review expectations on mask wearing and non-compliance
 1. Offer mask, call parent, send child home
 2. Discipline
 - a) Non-disciplinary issue (allowed medical absence)
 3. At what point do we un-enroll?
 - a) 5 days per current handbook
- E. Unfilled positions
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- F. Board 6000 Policies review
 1. Administration policies.
- G. Smoke and Air Quality Index (AQI). At what level do we mandate we come inside? Abandon trips?
 1. Up to orange level okay. Teachers to monitor children for negative reactions..
 2. At red (151) or above; no extended time (max 10 minutes) outside and close windows.
 3. Above 300; may call emergency closure.

VII. Executive Session as Authorized by Idaho Code 67-2345b for personnel issues or other identified legitimate reasons as identified by Open Meeting Law if needed.

- A. Roll call in: 8:05. MA, RF, SV Include KF, NW, PO, CT

VIII. Adjourn: 9:12