

Syringa Mountain School
Board Work Meeting Minutes – 9/15/2021

Approved 10/20/21

Nigel Whittington
Mike Allaire
Christi Thompson
Brian McCauley
Randy Flood
Sandi Viau
Pat Owen
Anthony Miller
Tamara Baker
Shawn Meyers
Bette Reed

- I. Opening: 5:30
- II. Additions, Corrections, Modifications, Substitutions
 - A. Add Anthony Miller as potential addition to board - Item C New Business
 - B. Add Nathan Twitchell resignation - Item D New Business
 - C. Strategic Plan - Item A Old Business
 - D. School Update - Item D Old Business
 - E. Parent Council Update - Item E Old Business
- III. Public Comment
 - A. Tamara Baker comments regarding updates on SCPHD risk level and masking.
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of 8/25/21 BOD Meeting Minutes
 1. Motion to approve by RF. 2nd by SV. All in favor.
 - B. Approval of 9/8/21 Executive Session Minutes
 1. Motion to approve by RF. 2nd SV. All in favor.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Strategic Plan
 1. Brian needs direction from the board.
 - a) Board asks Brian to remove names from the plan, and add positions instead.
 - b) Provide step by step process to achieve goals.
 - c) Help with political efforts for additional funding.
 2. Curriculum decision is still outstanding. Brian is organizing experts to help educate the board and staff on details of different styles.
 3. Pat, on behalf of teachers, asks that Brian look into grants for gear to support the outdoor program.
 - B. Financial Update
 1. Bette provides status update as of the end of August.
 - a) Doing great for now.
 - C. Teacher Update - Pat Owen
 1. Happy with new math curriculum.
 2. Harvest festival coming up.

- a) Looking for support or direction on a plan to hold the festival.
 - (1) BOD supports holding the festival outside without parents as Pat described.

D. School Update

1. Children in general have accepted mask wearing.
2. Optimistic
3. Teachers are over-worked.

E. Parent Council Update

1. Written update from Carter Cox (read by Randy)

VI. New Business

A. Update on Covid Metrics. Parents at Harvest Festival if outside?

1. Covid metrics have gone the wrong way.
 - a) Majority of local cases in 13-17 year olds.
 - b) Local hospitals into "critical care," meaning care will be rationed.
 - c) Per New Yorker Magazine, 1 in 500 Americans have died from Covid.
 - d) Young kids are still less likely to get Covid.

B. Board Policies review: 7000

1. Kristen is absent, so discussion tabled.

C. Anthony Miller as potential addition to BOD

1. Anthony introduces himself to the board
2. BOD is happy to have him join the board.
3. Randy proposes a special board meeting to vote on Anthony's appointment.
 - a) Friday 10:00 AM

D. Nathan Twitchell resignation from BOD

1. BOD accepts Nathan's resignation.

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 7:06 RF, MA, SV. Invite Christie, and Nigel.

VIII. Adjourn: 8:15