

Syringa Mountain School
Board Meeting Minutes – 9/18/2024

APPROVED

School Staff:

Christi Thompson-Director - Present
Kelly O'Neil

Board Members:

Sarah Seppa- Present
John Casey - Not Present
Jennifer Barrett-Neet - Present virtually
Chris Alexander - Present virtually

Public at-endance:

Michele Harris - Present

5:37 pm Time Quorum is present

- I. Opening Circle -
- II. Any Additions, Corrections, Modifications or Substitutions to the Current Agenda
 - A. Chris Alexander will send notes to add to the prior board meeting from the development committee.
- 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 Meeting Minutes: 8/21/24
 - b) Financials: August 2024

(1) Chris Alexander made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Jennifer Barrett-Neet seconded. All in favor, motion approved.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Strategic Planning
 1. Board Goals:
<https://syringamountainschool.org/wp-content/uploads/Board-Goals-2024-25-8-19-24.pdf>
 - a) Sarah and Christi will connect with Jon to determine if he is resigning or need to move meeting days.
 - b) We are all working on recruiting board members. We may have guests in October and after the holidays.
 2. Fundraising 2024-25 Plan
<https://syringamountainschool.org/wp-content/uploads/SMS-Annual-Fundraising-Work-Plan-2024-25-Fundraising.pdf>
 - B. Parent Council Meeting Schedule
 1. See meeting minutes:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kwt82lx9mZ90DMmkX5PtfvwJsJtdFffEuKJ3cJuf9kg/edit>
 - C. Financial Update
 1. See August Financials:
<https://syringamountainschool.org/wp-content/uploads/AP-Aug-pd-in-Sept-24-List.checks.pdf>

- a) In good standing and audit went well
- b) The committee has not yet met this month, will try this week.

D. Teacher Representative Selection

- 1. Process of selection/term:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NHyFAGe0RERx_I42cqHOyTuntVHoy9FREzWHMeH-1WM/edit#heading=h.799zvybj20k
- 2. All grades are off to a great start and are welcoming new students
- 3. The upper grades have gone and returned from their first outdoor trips.
 - a) Grade 7/8 had to be flexible due to weather and adapted well
- 4. Library is enjoying their new space and navigating the new procedure Syringa implemented based on the library laws.
- 5. Music program is working on their harvest festival

E. Development Committee Update

- 1. See meeting Minutes:
https://syringamountainschool.org/wp-content/uploads/9.11.24-Committee-meeting-agenda_notes.pdf
 - a) Ecothon support
 - b) Development committee team will reach out to potential sponsors

F. CIP Narrative & Metrics

- 1. Narrative:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sabcuilWQ6QsqRX3nR6lJfeBlcIGlq2EU1Id6EFak1w/edit>
- 2. Metrics:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PLXuOJE7131vlhJaLQn9pD9MguG1LcGalfakU0Srl7s/edit?gid=1581121004#gid=1581121004>
 - a) Administration is waiting for the state to give data but not necessary to submit CIP to state
- 3. Chris Alexander makes a motion to approve sending the CIP to the state, Jennifer Barrett-Neet seconded. All in favor, motion passed

G. 2024 SpEd Manual Adoption

- 1. <https://syringamountainschool.org/wp-content/uploads/Idaho-Special-Education-Manual-2024.pdf>
 - a) Updated from the state department
 - b) Jennifer Barrett-Neet made a motion to adopt the 2024 SPED Manual, Chris Alexander seconded, all in favor. Motion carried

H. Outdoor Education Upgrades

- 1. Discussion about purchasing new van

I. Director Update/Policy Update:

- 1. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ywqZvcp1RAel8hZa0_U3T2zbosxpkr0u6AP-6ANERI/edit
- 2. Stipends were contracted to cover classes where there were gaps with the uptick in enrollment
- 3. Added Science ISAT
- 4. Policy updates
 - a) No updates yet
- 5. The school is supporting Response to Intervention with students and having Professional Learning Communities to advance the school
- 6. Idaho School Board Association training may be next month

J. Syringa Growth & Land Acquisition

- 1. No current updates
- 2. Chris will get in touch with Randy Flood

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

- A. Going into executive session at 7:48pm Sarah Seppa in, Jennifer Barrett-Neet in, Christopher Alexander in and Christi Thompson invited in.
- B. Adjournment of September 18th, 2024 Board Meeting at 8:06pm

1. Jennifer Barrett-Neet made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Christopher Alexander will second, all in favor. Meeting adjourned

VII. Next Board Meeting Date: October 23rd, 2024