

Syringa Mountain School

Board Meeting Minutes – 10-11-17

Attending:

Randy Flood
Angi Hunter
Amy Schlatter
Amy Jonas
Tenaya Kolar
Christi Thompson
Sandy Kelly
Nigel Whittington (NW)
Racheal Arndt
Julie Evans
Sandi Viau
Laurie Burns
Kristin Funk

Meeting Called to Order by Randy Flood at 5:05pm. Board Members Present: Randy Flood (RF), Tenaya Kolar (TK), Angi Hunter (AH), Amy Jonas (AJ) Non Board Members: See list above

- I. Opening circle and Nigel welcome/thanks
 - A. swearing in new board members S Viau and R Arndt
- II. Any additions - New business: b and c - see agenda
- III. Public comment - none
- IV. Consent agenda - approval of Sep 13th, 2017 BOD minutes MOTION: AJ - motion to approve the minutes; TK - 2nd; no discussion, AIF, none opposed
- V. Old Business -
 - A. Finance committee meeting held first meeting Mon 10/9; this should help reduce discussion time in BOD meetings going forward; will meet monthly prior to the BOD meeting; see notes provided by SK; Jul/Aug/Sep bank activity needs approved tonight: motion made by TK, 2nd by AJ; no discussion, AIF, none opposed
included in motion is to amend the publishing information to include date, vendor, amount (no description)
A special education services group is now presenting a bill for past due months Dec 16 - Jun 17 / we were never billed. RA will work on resolution; JE offered to talk to company. SK informed we must supply an additional USDA-specific audit for signing the USDA loan this year. Expense is ~\$4k. Our external CPA was not aware and may eat the cost b/c we signed on for a \$400 audit at the front of signing the loan. There will be an additional audit report expense b/c of USDA relationship.
Finance committee would like BOD input on what they are looking at for us - what do we want to see?

- B. PC update - TK - ecothon ran last week; annual yoga retreat coming up; working on fall garden party fundraiser; working on fundraising and building community; might need a publicity chair for PC
- C. Teacher update - no BOD topics at this time; teachers are happy; 1st grade is building community; festivals this Fri/Tue; ecothon went well serving/cleaning
- D. Development committee - networking arm met sat to look at major donor gift list; working on getting the right people to fundraiser; school tour scheduled nov 2nd; fundraiser sat nov 11; launching annual campaign after fall fundraiser with monthly tours
- E. Construction update - we had 21k left over; we had 6 change orders; there were oversights that were required for certificate of occupancy; constructors will be on site 20th and 21st to finish punch list; \$4200 is remaining -- possibly use for unexpected audit expense? should be completely done by Oct 23rd.
- F. Legislative committee - monthly leg comm meeting coming next month once we get enrollment numbers for Greg T
- G. Board recruitment - RF met with Rev Leah Colvill; no BOD but happy to assist with other things like case statement/elevator pitch; Barb Mercer is an educator who is willing to do board stuff -- on the radar; need wealth and legal/wisdom

VI. New Business

- A. School bus update - basically collecting bus right now; Doug Scott is the region 4 director; need full time person to run "bus system" (paperwork, maintenance, inspections, etc); options are to sell the bus and take a loss or remove some seats and make it a 14 person van. need separate task force meeting to discuss options and next steps.
- B. Snow removal options - ideas for free removal?? RA has an idea for a person; do they need a bidding process? investigate if we need bidding for this service, if we can't get it donated.
- C. K-8 literature and grade level options prior to 12/11/17 - need to change literature unless we are planning to expand; this needs to happen prior to open enrollment date above (per NW); need sub committee to discuss expansion option

700pm Executive session - roll call in: TK, AH, RF, AJ, RA, SV

Roll call out 720pm TK, AH, RF, AJ, RA, SV