

# Syringa Mountain School

## Board Meeting Minutes – 12/6/2017

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- I. 508pm - RF thanks to S Connauton for stepping in as teacher liaison.
- II. Adds:
  - 1) Approval of WS minutes 10/3/17
  - 2) Kindergarten enrollment options - governance committee
  - 3) Finance update
- III. No public comment
- IV.
  - a. Approval of 11/8/17 minutes - **motion made by TK and AJ 2nd - no discussion, none opposed AIF**
  - b. Approval of 10/3/17 WS minutes - **motion made by AJ and TK 2nd - no discussion, none opposed AIF**
- V. Old Business
  - a. Financial update/finance committee - NW gave finance committee update regarding SPED information on expenditures. We believe we are in compliance from the 16/17 audit summary. Donation and fundraising - using little green light to track funds other than state/federal. Annual fund is currently underway. Working to return the bus currently. Still addressing the cash flow issue with investigating other potential resources. Transition plan for SKelly - she would like end of Jan to be her last day. Sales tax clarification - we do need to pay sales tax on donated items retail value.
    - i. **SV - made a motion to approve opening a stock account through DLEvans at the \$50 personalized service rate; TK - 2nd the motion, no discussion, AIF, none opposed.**
  - b. Parent council update - TK - \$6200 in PC account but can only transfer about \$4k to operating account due to outstanding expenses needed for future events. Lori Burns is stepping down

from the PC Treasurer position -- need to fill this vacancy. Feb snowman building contest?  
Charge small fee for families; community building.

- c. Teacher update - SC - Shannon C is taking over as teacher liaison. Info from staff - working on spiral walk event. Spiral walk symbolizes finding the light within the darkness and is an important part of the Waldorf calendar. SC will send out emails to staff members to gather info to share in the BOD meetings and likewise share board info to the staff. Hoping to add another staff addition. JE has been successful in reducing minutes while keeping the students needs met.
- d. Development committee - TK - two active branches: network committee finding first meeting time (donor relations) and other branch is annual fund drive. There is a raffle to win tickets to SV Ice show and dinner for those who give.
- e. Construction update - RF - spoke with architect and USDA lender to give timeline for item resolution. Claiming no responsibility for the thermostats that were buried. Have to move the thermostat to a new location. Will need to find local heating company to amend. Trying to stay firm with contractors on the outstanding per diem penalties. Elevator is working. May be an issue with the heat at the front of the building.
- f. Legislative committee update - TK - no new movement; funding situation should potentially change 2021; not a lot of doing at the moment outside of legal action which is timely and costly.
- g. Board recruitment - TK - sent an email to keep our momentum going; TK is creating a document that will help clarify objectives for BOD members and how to streamline the on ramping of new members. We still have a few gaps to fill. Ideally would like 9 members. NW mentioned that there might be a bucket of dollars available for BOD training; he will clarify for next meeting.
- h. Enrollment - NW working on creating a PM kindergarten. Open enrollment will push to after Dec 11th.

#### VI. New Business

- a. Bluum foundation - RF - recap: Terry Ryan is passionate about charter schools; RF/NW met with him to discuss funding ideas; rebrand and change the model a bit (Teton Science School or Teton Valley School/Driggs) that is more appealing; is it an option? Terry Ryan is a connector to the Albertsons foundation; how have we grown and changed as a school? RF poses the question: are we still a struggling school? we need to challenge this mindset and embrace the timing that is needed to build relationships. NW - may need to reconsider whether "free public charter school" is still serving us.
- b. Matching grants - RF will make a ST loan in Dec of \$60k; he will forgive \$20k of it as of Jan 2018; request is that parent body matches \$20k donation; 100% giving from parent body; \$20k from other donors to match; BOD need to work to get outside donors in before year end. 100% participation by Jan 1, 2018. Will help facilitate our relationship with potential outside grant partners.

636pm Executive Session IN -- TK RF SV KT RA AH AJ

700pm Executive Session OUT - TK RF SV KT RA AH AJ

**AJ - Motion to approve the open after care position be filled by Desiree Kelly @ \$16/hr for 4 hours per day. 90 day contract, review end of year. TK - second the motion. AIF, none opposed**

**TK motion to hire Mariska Mann - 20 hour paraprofessional @ \$18 per hour for 4 hours per day through the end of the school year. KT - second the motion. AIF, none opposed**