

Syringa Mountain School  
Board Meeting Minutes – 1/9/2019

Nigel Whittington  
Randy Flood  
Racheal Arndt  
Christi Thompson  
Sandi Viau  
Kristen Funk  
Mike Allaire  
Molly Boomer

I.5:30 opening

II. No Public comment. No add ons.

III. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of the 12/12/18 BOD Meeting Minutes.

**Motion to approve minutes by MA. 2nd by SV. No discussion, none opposed.**

b. Approval of the 3-year Insurance Plans.

Insurance is \$1000 more than it was before. The insurance company isn't communicating with us. Christi will talk to Betty to see who other schools are using.

**Motion to approve 3-year insurance plan made by SV. 2nd by RA. None opposed.**

c. Reinstatement of Board Members

Betty reminded us that we did not pick positions for our Board members in November.

Randy Flood- President

Mike Allaire- Vice President

Sandi Viau- Treasure

Racheal Arndt- Secretary

Molly Boomer- to be a Board Member officially on February 13, 2019.

**Motion to reinstate Board Members made by RA. 2nd by MA. None opposed.**

IV. Business

a. Approval of position for long term substitute.

Long term substitute is more cost effective than hiring new teacher midyear.

**Motion made by RA to hire long term substitute. 2nd by SV. None opposed.**

b. Approval of 2019-2020 School Calendar.

Parents were asked to give input on how they would like the calendar for 2019-2020 school year. 50% were for the school year starting after Labor Day. Syringa will start school two weeks after BCSD. Wondering if providing camp for our students during 2 weeks that BCSD is in session will be necessary. This will be discussed at a later time.

**Motion to approve 2019-2020 School Calendar made by SV. 2nd by MA. None opposed.**

c. Approval of Reap Funds

Syringa received a grant for \$14k. Betty is waiting for the 16-17 grant to be distributed. There is more money waiting to be distributed, Betty will have to pull invoices and submit them by March.

d. Parent Council Update

A location for the Hoedown has been found. The 80's party is a go. Upping enrollment by getting out testimonies even if its via live Facebook feeds is a goal.

e. Teacher Update

Teachers are going to start using a different report card format that will be easier to read. Teachers are happy and all is good.

f. Charter Commission Discussion with regards to opinion issued by AG

Nigel is willing to write to the commission. We need to invest in our enrollment, we may always be without the additional funding that other schools receive. Once enrollment is solid, we will revisit.

g. Financial Update

Currently there is \$66K in the account. We will be fine for January and February payroll. We are also less one teacher. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held February 8, 2019 at 11:00am.

H. Lottery Update/Advertisement Strategies Budget Approval

Last year \$1000 was spent on advertisement. The school gets more response from social media. Christi has asked to spend the same this year in advertisement.

**Motion made by SV to approve \$1000 for advertisement spending. 2nd by RA. None opposed.**

I. Idahoschool.org response to Charter Commission

School data will be displayed on the website. Syringa will appear as a school that needs improvement, not as a failing school. Because our model is different our data will not appear the same as other schools.

j. Closure of Annual Giving

Annual Giving raised \$12,342 with 90% participation. There were members of the community that asked to donate on behalf of some of the families that were not able to donate.

7:27pm Executive Session IN -- MA RF SV RA

7:45pm Executive Session OUT - MA RF SV RA