

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes of the 178th meeting held October 18, 2007 at 100 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA.

Notice of this meeting was sent to appropriate governmental agencies and press, and was published in the "South Shore Charter Public School Update".

Trustees:

In attendance: Jeffrey Seglin (Vice Chair), Michael Nuesse (Treasurer), Bill Smyth (Clerk), Miriam Brownwall, Ryan Brenner, Dan Falkner (ex officio), Michael Maniscalco, Angie Pepin (ex officio), Michael Ryan, Frank White, David Whitemyer

In absentia: Robert Gass (Chair), Elaine French, Dorothy Galo, Jack Kelly, Ed Hagerty, Dominic Slowey, Charleen Tyson

Also in attendance:

Staff: Prudence Goodale (Interim Executive Director), Tom Gorsuch (Principal), Kristine Shipp (Business Manager); Joan Manchester, Mary Carter, Paul Connick

Jeff Seglin called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: B. Smyth moved to approve the minutes to the 177th meeting. Seconded D. Whitemyer, motion carried unanimously.

Announcements and Calendar Events:

- Next Meeting: Thursday, November 15, 2007
- Jack Kelly and Miriam Brownwall will co-chair the Development Committee. Dom Slowey has stepped down as chair.
- Mike Ryan will chair the Facilities Committee.
- Board is still looking for new members. Contact Bill Smyth or Jeff Seglin with potential candidates.
- On November 15th the Charter School Association will be hosting meeting with DOE Acting Commissioner Paul Reville. P. Goodale and Kristine Shipp will attend. Any Board members who are interested email Prue.
- This Saturday, October 20th is the Annual Auction.

Open to the Audience: no report.

Faculty Report: no report.

Parents Association: David Whitemyer, PA Chair reported.

- As mentioned the Annual Auction is this Saturday.
- The next PA meeting will be held on November 6th at 7pm.
- Most of the meeting will be discussing amending the bylaws.
- The Fall Festival raised \$1,600 which is earmarked for the PA fund.

Student Report: Ryan Brenner

- Student Board has been holding meetings and is working on Freshman/Senior buddies.

Business Office: M. Nuesse reported

- Reviewed the July –September Profit and Loss statement.
- Finance Committee voted to approve \$26,000 for purchase of new school van.
- Relationship between the School and the Foundation is becoming more formal and coordinated with cross over of members.
- Finance Committee stresses the need to prioritize fundraising effort.
- The challenge for the school over the next years will be to increase enrollment and build out cost.

Executive Director Report: Prudence Goodale reported.

- Introduced Mary Carter who presented the details and requirements of the Senior Project.
- P. Goodale thanked Joan Manchester and Kassandra Grant for helping this evening with the Open House of the new Science Lab and Level I classroom.
- Fundraising – The SSCE Foundation held its' Annual Meeting. The Foundation reappointed members of their Board and added new members. New members: Prue Goodale President; Kathy Arthur Tyler Vice President; Jack Kelly... The Foundation approved funding the following: Strategic Plan, \$5,000 for website design, black box portable theatre, and printing of the Crisis & Safety Plan flipbook for each classroom; 14 two-way radios; defibrillator.
- Met with the staff regarding MCAS. Faculty will be working together and look at areas for improvements.
- Development – Capital campaign will be needed to facilitate build out. Working towards better communication between Parents Association, Foundation, Development Committee, and Facilities Committee. Joint meeting of the Development and Facilities Committee November 7th at 4pm.
- Projects/Workshops – Ted Hirsch reviewed the work that has been taking place. Projects/Workshops consist of three separate curriculums: Life Skills, Applied School Skills (Mass Frameworks), and Domain specific subject based. These areas are being defined over the course of the year.
- The Board of Education will hold a meeting on October 30th at Randolph High School. Early November SSCPS will host a meeting with area districts to discuss curriculum instruction.

Committee Reports:

Facilities Committee: Mike Ryan – next meeting will be held Thursday at 6pm...

Development Committee: Joint meeting with Facilities November 7th at 4pm.

Governance: Bill Smyth

- Committee discussing faculty code of conduct.
- Next meeting Tuesday, November 6th at 5pm.

Personnel: Frank White

- Committee met in October.
- Organizing plans for the search of the Executive Director.
- Working on the process for teacher compensation. Staff and Finance Committee will all work together.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm

Respectfully submitted:

Bill Smyth (Clerk)
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