

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes of the 196th meeting held May 21, 2009 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: Bob Gass (Chair), Jeffrey Seglin (Vice Chair), Alyse Algera, Kasundra Brown-Corbin, Miriam Brownwall, Dan Falkner (ex officio), Deidre Lamoureux, Cheryl Peterson, Michael Ryan, Rena Shea, Bill Smyth (Clerk), Brian Tyler (Treasurer), David Whitemyer

In absentia: Jo Loughnane, Michael Maniscalco, Michael Nuesse, Angie Pepin (ex officio),

Also in attendance:

Staff: Prudence Goodale (Interim Executive Director), Kristine Shipps (Business Manager), Jim Connolly (7-12 Principal), Ted Hirsch (K-6 Principal)

Audience: Maggie Reardon (Student), Debbie Cerilli (Parent), Kirsten Larsen (Parent), Jacki Perry (Student)

Bob Gass (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: J. Seglin moved to approve the minutes to the 195th meeting held April 16, 2009 as amended. Seconded A. Algera, motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: J. Seglin moved to convene Annual Meeting for the purpose of reporting ballot results. Seconded A. Algera, motion carried unanimously.

Regular meeting was reconvened at 7:05pm

Board Business:

The draft dates for the 2009-2010 Board meetings was distributed for information purposes.

Finance Committee: B. Tyler reported

- Finance Committee minutes were distributed.
- Review of the April financials – no surprises
- B. Tyler, Treasurer, presented an overview of the FY10 Budget process. The PowerPoint presentation was also highlighted to overall financial process of the school
- K. Shipps, Business Manager, provided an outline of the FY10 draft budget which was presented to FASA.
- The Finance Committee thanked K. Shipps.
- The FY10 Budget will be presented to the Board at the June meeting for approval.

School & Academic Report:

Academic Report

- P. Goodale introduced Jacki Perry, 10th Grade Student. J. Perry is a member of the Animals and the Environment Workshop and presented her findings on Nutrition of the SSCPS High School Students.

Executive Director Report: Prudence Goodale reported.

- Thank you to parent, Kirsten Mullen, for organizing the 2nd Annual Touch A Truck event.
- Tickets are still available for the May 28th Golf Tournament/Auction.
- On June 2nd the School will host a Volunteer Appreciation Reception.
- Parent, Kirsten Larsen was introduced. K. Larsen has volunteered to help write a plan for development.

Committee Reports:

Audience: no report

Faculty: Dan Falkner Reported

- FASA has voted to appoint Emily Merwin and Mac Haran as the new Faculty Representatives to the Board. The Board thanked Dan Falkner and Angie Pepin for there dedication to the Board.

Parents Association: .Deidre Lamoureux

- Next Meeting is June 2nd at 7pm. Brian Tyler will represent the Board and discuss the FY10 Budget.
- PA Chair will report out on the comments from the PA Ballots.

Student Report: Alyse Algera reported

- A. Algera introduced 10th Grade Student Maggie Reardon as the new Student Representative to the Board.
- Seniors are on their last weeks of Senior Project and final preparations are being made for graduation.
- A Town meeting was held and the Student Board presented the proposed schedule for next year with reduced Workshop time.
- The High School and Level IV are testing a new bell system.

Facilities Committee: M. Ryan reported

- K. Shippo has posted a request for a volunteer due diligence report.
- A detailed report will be made in June.

Development Committee: Miriam Brownwall reported

- Participation in the Annual Fund is at 45%.
- Tickets available for the Golf/Auction.

Governance: Bill Smyth

- Next Board meeting officers will be voted.
- Financial Disclosures will need to be completed for the new Board members.
- Miriam Brownwall as agreed to chair the Nominating Sub Committee.

Personnel: Brian Tyler

- Committee has not met

Discussion: Renewal

- Accountability Committee has met and will continue to meet. Drafts of the Accountability Plan, Charter Renewal and Annual Report are being worked. An update will be presented at the June meeting.
- Mission Statement rewrite will be distributed to the community for feedback.
- Renewal document will reference the last two site visit reports.
- Education Committee met today and looked at Lesson Designs and Lesson Plans for classroom teachers. Professional Development in these areas will be offered the week before school begins in August. Work will be done over the summer on a book to clarify procedures and communication.
- Reorganization at the High School with a Level Coordinator and a Dean of Students who will address discipline and attendance 9-12.
- Stipends for lead teachers by discipline: Humanities and Math/Science/Technology.
- Exit Standards are being revised.
- Schedule for 7-12 for next year with less Workshop time, more academic time, and electives.
- Board reviewed the last page of the Site Visit Report.

MOTION: B. Smyth to adjourn the meeting. R. Shea seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

Respectfully submitted:

Bill Smyth, Clerk
Pam Algera