

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes of the 215th meeting held March 17, 2011 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 (Chair), Cheryl Peterson (Vice Chair), Brian Tyler (Treasurer), Heather Dans, Bob Gass, Mac Haran (ex officio), Michael Maniscalco, Kolin Perry (Student), Jean Philogene, David Whitemyer

In absentia: Paul Carberry (Clerk), Deb Cerilli, Jo Loughnane, Emily Merwin (ex officio), Michael Ryan

Also in attendance:

Staff: Alicia Savage (Executive Director), Ted Hirsch (K-6 Principal), Angie Pepin (7-12 Principal), Kristine Shipp (Business Manager)

High School Faculty: Jared Rose

High School Students: Jackie Perry, Kolin Perry

Jeffrey Seglin (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of minutes:

MOTION: T. Misiasek to approve the minutes to the February 17, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting, B. Tyler seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Field Trip Task Force (Jean Philogene, D. Whitemyer reported) The task force reviewed proposals for an 8th Grade Trip to NYC and the Samsung Contest Trip to Washington DC and NYC. The task force recommends approval by the Board of Trustees.

MOTION: C. Peterson to approve the recommendation of the Field Trip Task Force for both the 8th Grade Field Trip to New York City and the Samsung Contest trip to Washington DC and New York City. H. Dans seconded, motion carried unanimously.

School & Academic Report

School Report: Alicia Savage, Executive Director reported

- Reviewed the Samsung competition and award. Outlined the upcoming trip. Four students and two staff members will attend. The grand prize will be announced at the event.
- SSCPS students have shown accomplishment in the arts. Two 2 students received the gold key from the Boston Globe Arts Awards. Their work is on display at the Transportation Building in Boston.
- Hosted graduate students from Harvard Graduate School of Education who are taking a course on charter school education.
- On Saturday, April 30th from 10am-12pm the entire community will celebrate the arrival of the hybrid bus. School and local community will be invited to celebrate this achievement. Details are being formulated.
- The Annual Fund is \$19,589 with over \$10,000 away from target.
- Enrollment is stable with 532 students.
- Distributed FY12 draft calendar. Personnel committee has reviewed. Revisit and vote at the April meeting.

Principals' Reports:

7-12 Principal- Angie Pepin

- reviewed the proposed Grading Policy change.
- 8th grade student wrote novel with is available on Amazon. Ultimate Secrets
- Seniors college accept and getting ready for internship

- Juniors are starting the planning process for college with visit to University of New Hampshire.
- 10th grades MCAS next week

MOTION: D. Whitemyer to accept the changes to the Grading Policy as presented. T. Misiaszek seconded, motion carried unanimously.

K-6 Principal - Ted Hirsch.

- S. Roberts with 6 students traveling to Bowdoin to present at Service Learning Conference.
- SSCPS will be represented by Sarah Roberts, Tara Turner, and students at the Service Learning Conference in Worcester in May
- Level I teacher Nora. Broderick was named as one of the United Ways “Teacher who Rocks” and was awarded with \$500 for classroom supplies from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
- T. Hirsch was the Keynote Speaker at the New Hampshire Charter School conference and spoke about creating traditions in non-traditional schools.

Academic Report:

High School Presentation: Level Coordinator and Teacher, Jared Rose, and students Jackie Perry, Kolin Perry reviewed the High School academic program and the integration of the arts throughout.

Committee Reports:

Audience: no report

Faculty: no report

Finance: Brian Tyler reported

- All invited to next finance meeting.
- Next meeting providing next year projections.
- Revenue portion of budget vs. expenses for FY12 budget.
- Tuition trends look at last 3 years, pre-enrollment project trends.
- Risk assessment and controls – action plan is being worked on.

Student Report: Kolin Perry reported

- Day of the arts with student speaker’s subject of relationships.
- Student Board Elections where held. President: Taylor Gorman; Vice President: Zach Johnston; Secretary: Alicia Tsang; Treasurer: Kristeen Lau; and Board of Trustees Representative: Kolin Perry

Parents Association: Heather Dans

- Brita Filter Film – copy is coming shortly
- The March PA meeting was great. D. Whitemyer represented the Board and reported on the Roof Replacement project. Angie Pepin presented the High School program.
- Next meeting Saturday, April 2nd at 9am

Development Committee: Tessa Misiaszek

- April 30th bus celebration event 10-12 sub committee has been organized. Next Tuesday invites to go to community leaders and school community. Tent with presentations and slide shows with video. Revisit use and naming opportunities for the bus. Displays of projects and workshops. Tent out back with refreshments
- Golf Tournament June 10th auction items to be solicited, corporate solicitations, email invite was sent today. Need help signing up golfers and auction items.
- Annual Fund – little behind last year’s number - published list of donors.
- April Phone-a-thon will be planned.

Facilities: David Whitemyer reported

- Refer to minutes in packet

Governance: no report

- Chair is working on nominations of new Board members for the May slate of candidates

Personnel: Bob Gass

- Refer to minutes in packet.
- Had a positive first meeting with FASA.
- Next Personnel Meeting April 6th at 7:15am.

Follow up to SPED presentation – Walker Report was emailed to members of the Board of Trustees.

MOTION: B Tyler to adjourn meeting. K Perry seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:24pm

Respectfully submitted: Pam Algera

Approved by: Paul K. Carberry, Clerk