

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held September 8, 2016 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: William Smyth (Vice Chair), Edwin Rivera (Treasurer), Nancy Seglin (Clerk), Leslie Alden, Katie Cianelli, Peter Farrell, Bethanie Glass, Prue Goodale, Joe Kay, Edwin Rivera, Jeffrey Seglin, Charles Storey, Desmond Sullivan, Maria Sullivan

In absentia: David Whitemyer (Chair)

Also in attendance:

Staff: Alicia Savage (Executive Director), Kristine Bingham (Director of Finance)

Audience: Denise Demaggio, Tanner Demaggio, Kerry Griffin, Holly Lee

Bill Smyth (Vice Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:36pm

Board welcome to new members Katie Cianelli, Prue Goodale, Jeffrey Seglin, and Chip Storey.

MOTION: J. Kay moved to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2016 meeting. L. Alden seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

School & Academic Report

State of the School Report: Alicia Savage, Executive Director reported

- SSCPS had a very terrific opening to the school year. It has been a busy two weeks. Thanked the Board for their support in leading the effort for expansion.
- Kindergarten students began the school year a day early they were able to see the building and adjust to school. In June 2017 we will welcome a new Kindergarten class and hold screenings. The 9th Grade students attended a day long trip to Project Adventure. It was a long day and thank you to the teachers who attended
- Reviewed the student assessment practice over the past five years from administering the MCAS to piloting the PARCC. FY16 test scores have been embargoed but will be released next month. SSCPS redirected from MCAS to prepare students for PSAT/SAT with the move to the PARCC. The state worked with College Board in developing PARCC. After analyzing two years of PARCC data it has become clear that some redesign of curricula is needed especially in math. Level II piloted Eureka Math and will begin implementation this year.
- Reviewed the SAT data over five years and compared to our largest sending districts. This data is being used during professional development and common planning time to improve student achievement. Recommend preparing students by providing students with test taking skills
- Reviewed the current enrollment number.
- Reviewed the Client Alert regarding the state ballot question

Ad Hoc Field Trip Committee:

Motion: D. Sullivan to approve the Overnight Senior Retreat to Camp Burgess. L. Alden seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Exit Standards:

Reviewed the Level Exit Standards and the revisions that have been made. Discussed acceptance to a University or College. No action needed.

Student Report: D Sullivan reported

- Students are excited for the new space. The culture is good and students are doing well with the transition
- Moving between two buildings still have to be worked out

Finance: E. Rivera

- The Auditors will be at the school coming next week. Expect a report in October
- No votes needed at this time

Faculty Report: J. Kay and K. Cianelli

- High School faculty excited with the new building
- Dismissal has been going well. Done by 3:30pm; then High School students are escorted to 100 Longwater Circle
- FASA has not met
- Next week are the Parent Back-to-School nights

Parents Association: P. Farrell reported

- 1st meeting was held this week with over 65 parents attending; 30 of which were new. Brief regular meeting then group broke out into committees
- Traffic issues being worked out. Some concerns with the traffic
- The Back-to-School Picnic is Saturday. Other social events are being organized
- With no Librarian this year the Library Committee is working on staffing with volunteers
- PA officers met L. Alden and L. Dannison on Development/Fundraising. Good opportunity to build relationships with the new families
- Wizard of Oz auditions were held

Development Committee: L. Alden reported

- Committee is looking for 100 % participation from the community
- The Annual Harvest Run is Saturday, October 15.

Governance: B. Smyth reported

- Waiting for feedback from the DESE on the revised By Laws

Personnel: N. Selgin

- Nothing new the reported

MOTION: J. Kay moved to adjourn the regular meeting. J. Seglin seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted:
Pam Algera

Approved by: Nancy Seglin, Clerk