

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held March 8, 2018 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), Edwin Rivera (Treasurer), Leslie Alden, Katie Cianelli, Dan Falkner, Peter Farrell, Bethanie Glass, Emily Merwin, Nancy Seglin, David Whitemyer, Vincent Walsh (pending approval)

**In absentia:** William Smyth (Vice Chair), Tanner Demaggio, Prue Goodale, Charles Storey

### **Also in attendance:**

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

**Audience:** Ken Poudrier (PA Vice Chair), Linda Cook, Kiki Fluhr, Deidre Hall, Colleen Leonard, Scott McCallum, AnnMarie Polito, Artie Sharpe, Kathleen Trask,

J. Seglin called the meeting to order at 7:32pm

**MOTION:** D. Whitemyer moved to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2017 meeting. P. Farrell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** P. Farrell moved to approve Trustee Candidate, Katie Lenihan, Parents Association Chair. B. Glass seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Chair read a statement for the record in support of the High School Students. See attached.

### **School & Academic Report**

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

Reviewed the Executive Director Report which included:

- Thanked the Board for their ongoing support and for the statement that was just read
- The Enrollment Lottery was held on March 7 and was done electronically for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. It went well with a few minor glitches. Reviewed the application numbers by grade and by town. Randolph is reaching its cap which may impact SSCPS in FY20
- Expansion Grant Update – reviewed the items purchased
- Reviewed the Administrative changes for FY18 new positions and FY19 curriculum positions, increase programing options, increase student support services by adding new faculty and staff, revisit bi-lingual curriculum, Advanced Work Program Level III IV; offer Honors coursework taught by SSCPS faculty online. In FY20 add Foreign Language Curriculum Director
- Current Enrollment is 920

Chair asked for comments from the audience:

- Parent, AnnMarie Polito discussed a situation that she emailed to Administrators and the Board. The Board with the Administration will look into the matter and respond to the parent.
- Parents Colleen Leonard and Deidre Hall discussed issues regarding the Learning Services Department. Their concerns will be addressed by Administration.

**Ad Hoc Field Trip Committee:** D. Whitemyer reported

**MOTION:** D. Whitemyer moved to approve High School trip to Newport Rhode Island. N. Selgin seconded. Motion carried unanimously

**MOTION:** D. Whitemyer moved to approve 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to New York City. P. Farrell seconded. Motion carried unanimously

**Student Report:** No report

**Faculty Report:** K. Cianelli

- Heritage Day at high school was held where students were each room was a different part of the world. EOMS for workshop students. Great community building event
- High School is planning Jaguar Games based on the success of the Level IV Color Games This event will be held in the spring.
- ELA MCAS ELA are being completed
- Level II and IV received MacBook and Smart Boards from the Expansion Grant
- Culture and Climate Committee now named Culture Club has been meeting with 12-15 attendees. Working on a communication guide for new faculty, parents, and students. Planning community events and coffees for parents
- High School is planning for the 17 minute March 14 Walk Out to honor the lives lost in Florida and to protest the current gun laws. Should students wish to participate, the faculty is preparing and will support the students. Will look into setting up voter registration for students. Events have hit the faculty and students hard. Need for additional Adjustment Counselor

**Finance:** E. Rivera reported

- Strong financial position
- New tuition numbers are higher than anticipated
- Expansion Grant has allowed school to replenish \$500,000 into the building/maintenance fund so the “raining day fund” is now at \$1.3M paid plus grant expansion grant. The school has spent \$275,000 this year with an addition \$200,000 to be spent in FY19. Expenses attached
- The work on the school’s trademark is in process with legal counsel Update at the April meeting

**MOTION:** E. Rivera moved to approve the Financials as presented. P. Farrell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Parents Association:** K. Poudrier reported

- PA working on having several speakers come in to present to the community.
- March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm Good Samaritan will present on depression and suicide
- Working on Eating Healthy Workshop and having Dr. Lawrence Cohen.
- Dr. Lawrence Cohen in April
- Bullying program that Angie awesome
- Working on technology through website, Facebook, and data gathering

**Development Committee:** L. Alden

- Successful phonation was held and received challenge match. Currently just under \$30,000 at end of February.
- Challenging year for fundraising
- Auction May 4<sup>th</sup> at Atlantica. Registration is open \$45/person; cost will go up next month. Space for 300 attendees. Great items coming in. Looking for items for properties, vacations, etc. and sponsorships. Challenge to the Board to consider inviting 3 couples to attend or sponsor 3 faculty members 50/50 Raffle tickets will also be available

**Governance:** B. Smyth (in absentia)

- Meeting with candidate Kathleen Trask

**Personnel:** N. Seglin reported

- Nothing new to report

**MOTION:** P. Farrell moved to adjourn the regular meeting. D. Whitemyer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36pm

Respectfully submitted:  
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Approved by: Nancy Seglin, Clerk

### Board of Trustees Statement – Read into record 03/08/2018

In the wake of the tragic shooting of 17 students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, many students throughout the country are planning a walk out of school for 17 minutes on March 14, 2018, at 10 a.m., in support of stricter gun-control laws and mental health resources for troubled peers.

While the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that school districts can discipline students for walking out of school, there is no plan to discipline any high school student who wishes to participate in such a walk out from SSCPS on March 14.

Instead, the administration will work to prepare the faculty and students for what they might expect that day at the high school and will ensure that the students are able to congregate in a safe place if such a walk out occurs.

The Board of Trustees supports the students in any statement they would like to make about a public policy issue that is of such grave importance to them and to the rest of us. We respect them and the integrity with which they confront this issue.

Jeffrey Seglin  
Chair, SSCPS Board of Trustees