

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting
December 12, 2019

Minutes of the meeting held December 12, 2019 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: Edwin Rivera (Chair), William Smyth (Vice Chair), Vincent Walsh (Treasurer), Prue Goodale (Clerk), Leslie Alden, Heidi Aylward, Katie Cianelli, Kiki Fluhr, Ken Poudrier, Jody Regan, Honora Sullivan Kathleen Trask

In absentia: Dan Falkner, Pete Farrell

Also in attendance:

Staff: Alicia Savage (Executive Director), Kristine Bingham (Director of Finance), Derek Powers (Level I Teacher), Laurie Dannison (Development Associate)

Audience: Natacha Julian (SSCPS Parent), Tim Nicolette (Director of MCPSA), Bob Beatty (Executive Director Atlantis Charter School)

Called to order 7:40pm

MOTION: B. Smyth moved to approve the minutes with edits from the November 14, 2019 meeting. V. Walsh seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

School & Academic Report

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

- December is a busy month and SSCPS missed another two days due to power outage and snow but the students have not missed a beat. The Level I and Level II Winter Concert was great last night. Next week grades 5-12 will have their concert. Students are presenting their EOM and are excited about the upcoming craft day for grades K-6. Seniors who applied early are beginning to hear back.
- Juniors received their PSAT scores. Reviewed the three-year PSAT comparison
- Best Buddies program has begun at the high school. This program is available for all students

Seal of Biliteracy

- A new initiative state-wide is the Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy. This recognition will be given to students who demonstrate mastery in English and another language. SSCSPS will begin administering assessments in March 2020.

Visitors to SSCPS:

- SSCPS hosted many visitors over several weeks.
- On November 14 State Senator O'Connor spent the day traveling though K-12 classrooms, meeting students and teachers. Senator O'Connor spoke to 12 grade students, freshman class, as wells 5th grade
- SSCPS hosted a group of 30 members of Leadership South Shore, a community building educational program. This group of business leaders are seeking to learn more about the opportunities and challenges though the south shore. Later that afternoon, A. Yamgambi traveled to participate in a panel discussion at Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School

- On December 11, Representative David DeCost and Robert Smith from the Rotary Club presented each of our third grade students with a dictionary. This generous donation is greatly appreciated by our entire community

School Calendars:

- Presented for review the revised FY20 calendar with changes due to the recent power outages and snow closure
- Presented the Draft FY21 for review and vote

MOTION: V. Walsh moved to accept the FY21 calendar as presented. B. Smyth seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Charter Renewal Update:

- SSCPS received email in November regarding the renewal process. SSCPS received an inquiry from DESE to provide additional information regarding certificated teachers. We expect to receive a Summary of Review draft on or about December 13. We will have an opportunity to report back by January 3 with any factual corrections. The final report will then be submitted to the DESE Commissioner for final renewal approval

Student Enrollment

- Current enrollment: 1005 An Open House was held on November 16 with over 100 visitors attending. The next Open House is Thursday, January 16

MOTION: B. Smyth to accept the Executive Director report as presented. V. Walsh seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MCPSA Update:

- SSCPS Board welcomed Tim Nicolette, MCPSA Executive Director and Bob Beatty, Atlantis Charter School Executive Director
- Mr. Nicolette and Mr. Beatty presented the benefits of membership to the association which include Professional Development, school wide assistance with benefits, and state-wide advocacy. They explained the increase in yearly dues.
- They reviewed the associations mission and focus

The Board thanked them for their visit. The vote is tabled to take into consideration their presentation until the next Board meeting in March 2020

Student Report: H. Sullivan reported

- Varsity and JV winter sports up and running.
- Lady Jaguars Volleyball game vs. teachers was held. Teachers won
- NHS selling candy grams
- BSU will be visiting lower levels during Black History Month in February
- Students will start testing for a Seal of Biliteracy
- High school planning book club

Finance Committee: V. Walsh reported

- Finance Committee approved the minutes from the November meeting
- Discussion regarding replacement of generator system at 100 in the \$500,000 range
- Committee approved up to \$25,000 from budget for potential generator replacement/enhanced generator system
- Reviewed Board level financial policies

Faculty Report: K. Cianelli and J. Regan reported

- Teachers are showing unity and spirit on Fridays with Flannel Friday, Fan Friday, Ugly Sweater day and looking forward to the Holiday Party
- High school students are mentoring 6th graders for the upcoming Science Fair
- Some HS bathroom issues continue

- HS School Store is up and running
- Communication students are in the process of compiling a “Humans of SSCPS” based on the Humans of New York. Any Board member interested in being interviewed please see K. Cianelli
- The Annual Art Workshop Fashion Show will be held on February 14 with two shows
- Middle school Basketball tryouts
- Students looking forward to Craft day
- 7th graders will be visiting the MFA
- School Council is very active
- New students are still arriving

Parents Association: H. Aylward reported

- Next PA meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2020
- At the November meeting the PA convened a Transportation Committee to assess to needs of families in sending districts. The committee will combine needs and recommend more cohesive options. FCC came to December meeting and will return to January meeting. Parent would like better communication between the parents and school when there are emergencies based on issues that have happened

Development Committee: L. Alden reported

- Annual Fund has raised over \$5,000 in donations. Looking for calendar year end support
- Trivia Night is scheduled for January 20th at Weston Hall in Weymouth. \$25 trivia and dinner; cash bar
- Annual Auction planning is well underway
- Harvest Run raised \$10,000

Governance: P. Goodale reported

- Committee met and approved the minutes from the November meeting
- Committee interviewed candidate for the Board, Natacha Julien. Natacha has a current 5th and 6th grader at SSCPS. The Committee will recommend appointment of a 3-year term

Personnel: B. Smyth reported

The negotiation team including FASA representatives, A. Savage, K. Bingham and B. Smyth have met. Additional meetings are scheduled for January and February.

MOTION: L. Alden moved to adjourn the regular meeting. H. Aylward seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:48pm

Respectfully submitted:
Pam Algera

Approved by: Prue Goodale, Clerk