

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 10, 2019

Minutes of the meeting held October 10, 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), Heidi Aylward, Katie Cianelli, Dan Falkner, Kiki Fluhr, Ken Poudrier, Jody Regan (Pending Approval), Honora Sullivan, Kathleen Trask

In absentia: Leslie Alden, Pete Farrell

Also in attendance:

Staff: Alicia Savage (Executive Director), Kristine Bingham (Director of Finance), Derek Powers (Level I Teacher), Achille Yangambi (Math Curriculum Coordinator)

Audience: Nichole Reilly, CPA and Matt McGinnis, CPA from AAFCPAs, Natacha Julien, and Sheba Charles

Bill Smyth (Vice Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:34pm

MOTION: V. Walsh moved to approve the minutes with edits from the September 12, 2019 meeting. D. Falkner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee: V. Walsh reported

- Finance Committee met and reviewed the draft financial statement
- The committee approved the minutes from the September meeting
- The committee reviewed the FY19 Audit Report with members of AAFCPAs

FY19 Audit Report Presentation by Matt McGinnis and Nichole Reilly of AAFCPAs

- The FY19 Audit was clean and constructive
- There were no adjustments needed
- Some housekeeping recommendations have been made
- Very smooth audit process.
- Reviewed Key Financial Ratios. SSCPS is in good financial shape with good ratios

Motion: V. Walsh moved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approve the FY19 Audit as presented. B. Smyth seconded. Motion carried unanimously

School & Academic Report

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

MCAS report – ESE have made some changes with the algorithm as it measures a schools information and progress. SSCPS has made substantial progress in the accountability percentile over last year which was 44% in 2018 and is now 56% in 2019. SSCPS has been rated "substantial progress towards progress". The data is used to analysis the curriculum and support students in their success.

Student Enrollment

- Reached a milestone of 1001 students enrolled.

- SSCPS will hold two open houses: November 16 and January 16
- As part of the Accountability Plan under Recruitment and Retention SSCPS will direct mail to some communities

Field Trip Guidelines

Reviewed the draft document to be implemented this year and will be included in the FY21 Family & Student Handbook. Of note: all parent/guardian volunteers to be CORI'd and fingerprinted

MOTION: V. Walsh moved to accept the Field Trip Guidelines as presented. B. Smyth seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Field Trip Ad Hoc:

MOTION: K. Poudrier moved to approve the recommendation of the Field Trip Ad Hoc Committee and approve the 8th grade trip to Washington DC which aligns with the civics curriculum. H. Aylward seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Student Report: H. Sullivan reported

- Mock Trial raised fund during the “Making Strides” cancer walk
- Student Board attended leadership conference at Bridgewater
- Sports underway and going well
- BSU, GSA, Environment Clubs meeting
- Freshman talked with College Board regrading Pre-AP curriculum
- Homecoming Dance ticket sales begin next week
- Sophomores visiting UMass Dartmouth

Finance: V. Walsh reported

- See Audit Report above

Faculty Report: K. Cianelli reported

- FASA negotiation committee has been formed
- 1st Quarter warnings have been sent to parents
- Grades 9 and 11 will take the PSAT's
- High School groups presenting to Level IV students on vaping and hygiene
- National Honor Society hosting blood drive on November 15
- National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be held on October 17

Ad Hoc Facilities Report: No report

Ad Hoc Strategic Plan: D. Falkner no report

Parents Association: H. Aylward reported

- Next meeting will be held October 18 at 8:30am
- There are currently 16 vendors signed up for the November 2 and 3 Art/Craft Fair
- PA has received requests from SSCPS sports teams for help with fundraising
- PA reps are using email to reach out to their Levels/Grades with updates
- Parent safety concerns regarding families parking elsewhere and students walking to cars
- Parent concerns regarding back door drop-off in the morning
- Good attendance at the PA meeting

Development Committee: No report

- Harvest run has been cancelled due to weather and conditions

Governance: P. Goodale reported

- Committee meeting next Wednesday, October 16 from 6:30-8pm at 100
- Board recruitment is main agenda item
- Reminder that all committee meetings are open to the public

Personnel: B. Smyth presented

- The first meeting was held with the FASA negotiation team. Additional meetings with this group will continue over the next few months

Board Comment:

B. Smyth: In 1995 SSCPS was one of fifteen schools were chartered in Massachusetts. In 2004 we were awarded a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to add "Public" to the School's name.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05pm

Respectfully submitted:
Pam Algera

Approved by: Prue Goodale, Clerk