

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting

August 5, 2020

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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:** Vincent Walsh (Treasurer), Prue Goodale (Clerk), Leslie Alden, Heidi Aylward, Katie Cianelli, Peter Farrell, Kiki Fluhr, Natacha Julien, Ken Poudrier, Jody Regan, Honora Sullivan, Kathleen Trask, Katie Vecchione (PA Chair Pending Approval)

**In absentia:** Edwin Rivera (Chair), William Smyth (Vice Chair)

## **Also in attendance:**

**Staff:** Alicia Savage (Executive Director), Kristine Bingham (Director of Finance), Angie Pepin (K-12 Principal), Matthew Tondorf (Director of Learning Services)

**Audience:** Several member of the school community participated

**MOTION:** H. Aylward moved to open the meeting. P. Goodale second. Motion carried unanimously

Edwin Rivera (Chair) called the meeting to order at 9:10am

## **School & Academic Report**

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

## **2020-21 School Calendar**

**Revised calendar includes 10 days of Professional Development as mandated by DESE. Total number of required instructional days reduced to 170 by DESE.**

**MOTION:** P. Farrell to approve the proposed revised FY21 School Calendar as presented. V. Walsh seconded. Motion carried: 8 in favor; 3 opposed; 1 abstention

## **Draft Reopening Plan - A. Savage reported**

Proposal: Fall Re-entry Plan: In-person learning may be possible for grades K and 1. In-person learning is not possible for grades 2-12 due to classroom size, hallway capacity, and lunch areas. A hybrid model for students in grades 2-12 is recommended for fall re-opening. The South Shore Charter Public School reserves the right to make changes to the Fall Re-entry Plan and adapt the learning model should circumstances due to COVID-19 change the safety landscape.

*Notes from the discussion:*

*The plan is due to DESE on August 10 and guidelines are still coming and can change.*

*The model SSCPS is proposing is with 3-6 ft guidelines. At this time in-person learning for Kindergarteners and for grade 1 if the pods are divided in 2. Looking at one day a week for grade 1 to travel to Holly Hill Farm. Additional handwashing stations will be installed. School-wide bathroom and hallway monitoring will be in place so we know who is out of the classroom. Reached out to the YMCA; many staff have been furloughed.*

*Anyone who enters the building will need to self certify with temperature check and overall health. State is working on guidance on what to do if someone tested positive. Continually looking at guidelines (5%) test positive rate by town. How does this affect us? What is the calculation for us with the regional nature of our school? We cannot require anyone to be tested. Guidelines may change over time. School liability state remove leaning will be family decision and their choice for responsibility. Lawyers are looking over and will advise prior to the September start date. Families need the most time possible to make decisions as to what their plan will be for their family.*

*Faculty may feel uncomfortable returning. Following DESE guidelines. Remote learning program. Hybrid model is a safety model. High risk faculty can use remote option. Other options are available for staff. Soft deadline of August 17th for teachers to let school know if remote learning is requested.*

*Family Connection Task Force working on videos that can show what the building looks like that may help make a decision.*

**MOTION:** V. Walsh to approve the proposed reopening plan as presented. P. Farrell seconded. Motion carried : 8 in favor; 3 opposed; 1 abstention

**MOTION:** K. Poudrier moved to adjourn the regular meeting. H. Aylward seconded, motion carried unanimously. Motion unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:20am

Respectfully submitted:  
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Approved by: Prue Goodale, Clerk