

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting
September 10, 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: William Smyth (Vice Chair), Prue Goodale (Clerk), Leslie Alden, Heidi Aylward, Katie Cianelli, Kiki Fluhr, Natacha Julien, Ken Poudrier, Jody Regan, Honora Sullivan, Kathleen Trask, Katie Vecchione

In absentia: Edwin Rivera (Chair), Vincent Walsh (Treasurer), Peter Farrell,

Also in attendance:

Staff: Alicia Savage (Executive Director), Kristine Bingham (Director of Finance), Angie Pepin, Darcie Edwards, JP Marcellus, Derek Powers

Audience: Stephanie Hartman, Derek Powers, Selva Murugan Subburaj, Satina Craffey,

MOTION: L. Alden moved to open the meeting. K. Poudrier second. Motion carried unanimously

Bill Smyth (Vice Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:42pm

Board Business:

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: K. Poudrier moved to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2020 Board Retreat/Meeting as presented. H. Aylward seconded. Motion carried unanimously

MOTION: K. Poudrier moved to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2020 Meeting as presented. H. Aylward seconded. Motion carried unanimously

School & Academic Report

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

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Opening of School

Three weeks of Professional Development capped off the task force summer work over with over 65 hours of preparation. Thank you to all that participated in all the task forces. Technology and Student Social Emotion task forces will continue. Thank you to Angie, Matt, and Kristine for all the work this summer

- Year-long Professional Development from attendees of the National AntiRacism Teach In - (NART Conference)
- Thank you to the Parents Association for the welcome back faculty./staff brunch
- Introduced new staff members who joined SSCPS
- Thank you to Wayne Heuer and David Griffiths for all the work and keeping everyone's health and safety first
- K orientation was successful and children were happy

Sending District Formula for Remote Learning Transition

Regional Calculations:

- DESE released guidance on regional calculations and within this guidance; SSCPS was instructed to use Weymouth as our key municipality. This would mean if Weymouth reaches red, with an increase of COVID-19 test positivity rate, SSCPS would transition full remote learning
- The Board discussed adding a 25% calculation in addition to the DESE guidance, meaning that should other districts go red, and those districts add up to 25% of our student population, then the school would transition to full remote learning
- If this should occur, the school will transition to full remote learning on the Thursday following the Wednesday evening announcement
- The school will transition back to hybrid and in-person learning once the COVID-19 testing positivity rate goes down and the sending district or districts are in the yellow, green, or grey, the Monday following the release of the calculations
- Current town percentages: Weymouth 25%, Randolph 20%, Brockton 11%, Rockland 10%, Hanover 3%
Website has been updated

Enrollment

- Enrollment has dipped and we will accept the siblings. Accepting siblings beginning tomorrow.
- Many reasons for withdrawals and waitlisted students not accepting. Transportation (only one bus company), some moved out of the area, some not wanting to make a change due to COVID-19.

Committee Reports:

Faculty:

Jody Regan:

- Finished 1st day and the effort by staff is outstanding
- Student rosters changing by the minute
- More than 90 remote students on time and participating
- Everyone is super adaptable.
- Year-long professional development work has started with the full faculty on anti-racism with members NART conference attendees

Katie Cianelli:

- Today was both rewarding and exhausting
- Faculty are working together to work things out
- Some items are still to come. Kinks to work out after the 1st day

Students: Honora Sullivan

- Overall very well; remote learning this week very different and learning curve
- Working on better communication for online students

Parents Association: Katie Vecchione

- PA organized a Teacher luncheon in 6 days with over \$1600 being raised by the families. PA provided 170 individual lunches to Faculty/staff with \$200 remaining
- Working on a couple things regarding communication and a website to keep everyone updated on PA events and fundraising online options
- Looking at an online school directory and Zoom security
- Positive response from parents for the 1st day

Finance: Ken Poudrier reported

- Executive Committee discussed finances and possible shortfall of \$400,000 to 1M range
- Still not received tuition numbers from state

Development: Leslie Alden

- Community building and recognize the financial strain for the school and keeping in mind the family financial situations
- Using auction items and putting together a 30 calendar. Parents may want to donate a piece for the calendar and then advertise their wares
- Looking at organizing a virtual trivia night; 50/50 not only for our community but reach out to greater community
- Work with PA to coordinate events

Governance: P. Goodale

- Board Recruitment - more diverse membership to reflect the school community
- Reviewing current members terms
- Review Bylaws
- Board self-assessment, attendance requirements and enforcement. Remote model of meetings may help with attendance
- Define clear roles and expectations of members

Personnel:

- Nothing new to report
- Meeting to be scheduled

Next Meeting: Review Committee Assignment List

Audience:

No comments

MOTION: K. Poudrier Moved to adjourn the regular meeting. K. Fluhr seconded, motion carried unanimously. Motion unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:54pm

Respectfully submitted:
Pam Algera

Approved by: Prue Goodale, Clerk