

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting

December 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: Edwin Rivera (Chair), William Smyth (Vice Chair), Prue Goodale (Clerk), Vincent Walsh (Treasurer), Leslie Alden, Heidi Aylward, Katie Cianelli, Peter Farrell, Kiki Fluhr, Natacha Julien, Ken Poudrier, Jody Regan, Honora Sullivan, Kathleen Trask, Katie Vecchione

In absentia: none

Also in attendance:

Staff: Alicia Savage (Executive Director), Kristine Bingham (Director of Finance), Angie Pepin (Principal), Matt Tondorf (Director of Learning Services), Joyce Dandrow (Learning Services Teacher & FASA Chair), Kathy Sobol, Barbara Folan, Janet Fortier, Haley Edmonson, Karen Boyle, Jennifer Cronin, Melissa Freitas, Jenna Brink, Reegan Whipple, Christine Bodnar, Jenn Johnson, Emily Merwin, Dan Vasconcellas, Somer O’Malley, Amy Koskowski, Crystal Nunes, Denise Demaggio, Kelley McDonald, Kerri Doble, Kayla Doyle, Elyse Kay, Heather Brems, Alicia Dupuis, Allison Goff, Amber Watson, Bev Bruce, Bridget Flaherty, Colin Conkey, Dan Costin, Darlene Parker, Denise Demaggio, Derek Powers, Geoffrey Peterson, Julie Bartus, Jessica Zutaut, Joe Kay, John Toland, Cassandra Sullivan, Kelly Rafferty-Brulport, Kelsey Lawson, Kristen Connolly, Marco Pedulli, Maria Lappas, Marissa Doonan, Nicolas Kerrigan, Nicole Alvey, Racheal Patroliia, Sam Kiesel, Susan Dupras, Tanya Maniscalco, Teresa Breen, Theron Leonard, Zachary Johnston, June Fontaine, Cindy Lyons

Audience: Siobhan Daly, Holly Sheils, Laura Foley, Michelle Rankin, Stephanie Hartman, Tracy Deveau, Brianna Alexander, Cindy Lydon

Edwin Rivera (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm

Board Business:

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: V. Walsh moved to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2020 meeting as presented. B. Smyth seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

School & Academic Report: Alicia Savage, Executive Director reported

Student Achievement

- SSCPS has won the first *Invent the Summer - School of the Summer* award. Congratulations to the students in grades 1-7 who participated in this research and design project using critical thinking and learning skills.
- Congratulations to high school senior Israa Khadker for being named one of the winners of the JustPoetry!!! Contest. Israa’s poem, “Bones of the Pandemic” will be published in the Live Poets Society of New Jersey’s book “My World”

Enrollment

- Current enrollment is 1013 up by 4 students from last month
- Reviewed student enrollment percentages by town and learning model
- Current Learning Model student enrollment: Team A: 231, Team B: 195, Team C: 151, Group D: 436
- 13 sending district towns are now in Red

- Tents for classes, services, and lunch are being used. Students are encouraged to dress appropriately for weather conditions
- Lottery March 3, 2021. A virtual Open House for High School is scheduled for Thursday, December 17

State of the School

- The School applied and received a grant Phase I of the Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 testing program. This non-invasive rapid test program will be administered to students or staff who develop symptoms during the school day. It is not a replacement for the PCR test. This program is designed to assist with contact tracing should a person test positive. Students and staff who had displayed symptoms would still be required to quarantine regardless of the results of the test. Additional information and trainings are anticipated
- Thank you to parent Julie Farris Jalewsky who donated KN95 masks for every faculty and staff member

Review Reopening Plan Amendment Proposal:

- The Instructional Leadership Team would like to revisit the SSCPS Reopening Plan to review the feasibility for more in-person learning for our youngest students beginning in late winter or early spring.
- The review will include meetings with the Elementary and Learning Services Task Force teams
- J. Regan relayed that the 2nd grade teachers are overwhelmingly in favor of these students being offered in-person learning

Motion: V. Walsh moved to revisit the reopening plan as indicated and conduct an exploratory study to review the feasibility of having the youngest students in-person beginning in late winter or early spring. B. Smyth seconded.

Vote by individual roll call: Edwin Rivera (Chair), William Smyth (Vice Chair), Prue Goodale (Clerk), Vincent Walsh (Treasurer), Leslie Alden, Heidi Aylward, Katie Cianelli, Peter Farrell, Kiki Fluhr, Natacha Julien, Ken Poudrier, Jody Regan, Honora Sullivan, Kathleen Trask, Katie Vecchione All in favor. Motion carried unanimously

Regional Calculation Update:

MOTION: K. Poudrier moved to abandon the current SSCPS Regional Calculation matrix as determined by the DPH COVID-19 Weekly Report and change over to a school (building) transmission basis for closure as recommended by the DESE, effective January 4, 2021 A cohort, section of the building, or buildings where deemed necessary, would close if 3-5 confirmed positive cases occurred over a rolling 5 (five) school day period in that specific cohort or building. The cases per building parameters for the SSCPS closures are based on the recommendations of the Norwell, MA (physical location of the school) and Weymouth, MA (largest sending district) local boards of health. The intent is to safely maximize the number of in-class days for our students for the remainder of the 2020/2021 school year. V. Walsh seconded

Amendment to motion: Change effective date from January 4, 2021 to January 20, 2021; Change the confirmed case count from 3-5 to 3; add local board of health to recommended by the DESE.

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Committee Reports:

Faculty:

J.Regan and K. Cianelli reported:

- Thank you to the community for their support. It is appreciated.

Students: Honora Sullivan reported

- Student board have been meeting and working on events for student participation

Parents Association: Katie Vecchione reported

- Finalizing Craft Day for Level I and Level II
- Bus routes were cancelled and PA is helping families
- fundraising going well
- Suggestion for PA to adopt a senior
- Board Member Pete Farrell thanked Katie Vecchione PA chair for her leadership

Finance: Vinnie Walsh reported

- Finance met at approved minutes from the last meeting
- Reviewed the current financials
- Committee will meet in January after the school receives the updated tuition number from the state

Development: Leslie Alden reported

- Thanked everyone for participating 30 day calendar which has raised \$7,000
- Working on additional virtual events
- Giving Tuesday raised over \$3000
- Annual Fund letters will be sent mid-January

Governance: Prue Goodale reported

- Committee met and approved minutes from the previous meeting
- Discussion regarding cleaning up the Bylaw document; reviewed changes to be made
- Board recruitment. There will be openings beginning July 2021
- Working on board assessment

Personnel: Bill Smyth reported

- Reviewed presented by HR: Temporary Pandemic Remote Work Option Programs for medical and dependent care purposes due to COVID-19
- The Committee is recommending the Executive Director be evaluated this year

Additional Comments from Board and Audience:

- Finance Committee Chair thanked Faculty Representatives for all the preparation for this meeting
- The Board Chair thanked everyone that participated in this meeting

MOTION: V. Walsh moved to adjourn the regular meeting. K. Poudrier seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 9:10pm

Respectfully submitted:
Pam Algera

Approved by: Prue Goodale, Clerk