

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting

April 15, 2021

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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, Kiki Fluhr, Natacha Julien, Ken Poudrier, Jody Regan, Honora Sullivan, Kathleen Trask, Katie Vecchione

In absentia: Peter Farrell

Also in attendance:

Staff: Alicia Savage (Executive Director), Kristine Bingham (Director of Finance), Angie Pepin (Principal)

Audience: Julie Bartus, Tiffany Brown-Grier, Ashley Connors, Tracy Deveau, Kerri Doble, Darcie Edwards, Melissa Freitas, Alisson Goff, Debbie Harper Padula, Stephanie Hartman, Amy Koskowski, Sue Knineh, Kendra Polefka, Michelle Rankin, Catherine Snee

Edwin Rivera (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:36pm

Board Business:

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: L.Alden moved to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2021 meeting as presented. B. Smyt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Meeting calendar amendment:

MOTION: H. Aylward moved to approve to amend the Board meeting calendar and move the May 13, 2021 meeting to May 20, 2021. L. Alden 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 Two abstained (KP, KC), Motion carried

School & Academic Report: Alicia Savage, Executive Director reported

State of the School

Update on the DESE All-In Directive:

- Reviewed Learning Mode Timetable available in the weekly Update
- DESE has yet to make the high school return date but anticipate it being May 17 however SSCPSis planning for Mary 3, 202
- Full remote is always an option for families
- Reviewed the Learning Model Table
- Reviewed the health and safety measures that have been implemented and continue to be updated as needed

COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination: AbbottBinax Now:

- Fac/Staff were able to begin booking vaccination appointments as of March 11. Special thanks to Michael Maresco Town Administrator of Marshfield who scheduled 25 appointments for our faculty at the Marshfield Fairgrounds
- SSCPS enrolled in the Abbott BinaxNow rapid testing and pooled testing program which will be funded for the remainder of the school year.
- MDPH announced that a backup PCR test was no longer required if the rapid test was administered.
- As of April 12, 2021 76 staff members and 130 students signed up for the rapid test program. 175 have signed up for the pooled testing program; 69 staff; 93 students, and 13 remote students and staff.

Student Enrollment and Admissions Lottery:

- Lottery was held in March
- Currently 1014
- Lottery Results:
 - Accepted 149 students
 - Reviewed the applications by grade
 - Reviewed applications by town
 - Mandated by the DESE to skip over Randolph applicants since Randolph is at Net School Spending. SSCPS has met with DESE to voice concerns as this mandate will affect the Recruitment and Retention plan as well as our CHART data.

COVID-19 Policy Amendments

Reviewed the current travel advisory which were more robust than MA, CDC, and MDPH

On March 22 the state lifted the MA Travel Order and replaced it with a Travel Advisory. SSCPS would like to match the current guidelines from the State and replace the travel order with the travel advisory.

Isolation and quarantine guidelines: CDC quarantine guidelines we had 14 days in our policies. CDC guidelines are 10 days and 7 days after negative test results. Change from 14 to 10.

SSCPS is recommending the current policies be amended to match that of the state guidelines. J. Regan commended that FASA was polled and 94 agreed to go with the state guidelines. MOTION:

MOTION: P. Goodale moved to rescind the two policies and replace with the new policies put in place by the governor. V. Walsh second. Motion withdrawn.

MOTION: P. Goodale moved to accept the recommendation from the school and replace the Travel Order with the updated Travel Advisory from the state. V. Walsh 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, Kiki Fluhr, Natacha Julien, Ken Poudrier, Jody Regan, Honora Sullivan, Kathleen Trask, Katie Vecchione All in favor. Motion carried unanimously

MOTION: P. Goodale moved to accept the recommendation from the school and replace the Isolation and Quarantine guidelines to reflect the updated guidelines. V. Walsh 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, Kiki Fluhr, Natacha Julien, Ken Poudrier, Jody Regan, Honora Sullivan, Kathleen Trask, Katie Vecchione All in favor. Motion carried unanimously

May meeting Preview

- Family Surveys: Annual and the Learning Model Survey by grade span 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12
- Summer School 2021: Plans are well underway. Teacher recommendations for invites to the program. All will be in person
- Executive Director Goals: Included in the packet; Evaluation tool will be sent May 15; Trustees responses by June 15

Committee Reports:

Faculty:

J.Regan and K. Cianelli reported:

- K-8 Art project service project presented artist and style to 4th graders
- Teachers returning from full remote now that they are vaccinated. Everybody is working really hard as things are continually changing as we move forward.
- Professional Development in March as we continue with the year-long anti-racism discussions and trainings
- Teachers would like to let the Board know that the school as been has been supportive as staff gets vaccinated and receive comp time
- Faculty is looking forward to spring break
- Thank you to the PA for the espresso truck

Students: Honora Sullivan reported

- Seal of Biliteracy exams were administered
- The Senior Class has received support from Mary Carter
- Seniors to talk to the Kindergarteners about their time at the school

Parents Association: Katie Vecchione reported

- \$1,158 available for grant money
- PA has arranged to have a coffee truck for Faculty/Staff at both buildings as a thank you
- PA has organized a Sponsor a Senior event
- PA elections will be held in May
- Working on revising the PA Bylaws

Finance: Vinnie Walsh reported

- The Finance Committee met on Tuesday
- Per Pupil revenue for the 2nd and 3rd quarters \$15,597
- Cash flow projections \$1.8M lower than pre COVID
- \$5.2M cash reserve
- Profit and Loss: anticipate student FTE of 1009; budgeted 1060 lower FTE due to COVID
- Expending on only necessary items; received \$900,000 entitlement grants
- FY22 Budget to be voted on at the May meeting
- Annual meeting with Boston Private was held. Discussing balloon payment due in 2028. Reviewing options due to current lower interest rates. Is refinancing an option and paydown \$2M balloon payment? The bank will get back with some options

Development: Leslie Alden reported

- \$20,000 raised with the few initiatives (calendar, annual fund)
- Working on some online events for the spring

Governance: Prue Goodale reported

- Slate of Officers: The slate will remain the same as this year. Vote to be taken in May
- Three new member candidates were interviewed on February 10, 2021. Feb 10th. Committee met and will recommend moving two candidates forward to be voted on at the May meeting. Candidates are Tracey Deveau and Tiffany Brown Grier.
- Kathleen Trask and Vincent Walsh will each reapply for an additional 3year term. Vote in May
- The Governance Committee will be sending an email with the link to the Board Evaluation Survey. Members will be asked to complete the survey within a two week window. This will become an annual task to complete which is mandated by the state. Results will be reported at the May meeting

Personnel: Bill Smyth reported

- Executive Director Evaluation - Reminder to the Board the importance to complete and return

Additional Comments from Board and Audience: No comments

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted:
Pam Algera

Approved by: Prue Goodale, Clerk