

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
Board of Trustees Meeting
December 8, 2022
7:30pm

Meeting held at 700 Longwater Drive, Norwell, MA 02061
Meeting available via Zoom

Notice of this meeting was sent to appropriate governmental agencies, the school's website, and was published in the "South Shore Charter Public School Update".

Trustees:

In attendance: William Smyth (Vice Chair), Vinnie Walsh (Treasurer), Kathleen Trask (Clerk), Tiffany Brown-Grier, Tracy Deveau, Kiki Fluhr, Natacha Julien, Kate Trowbridge (Pending Approval)

Remote participation: Jimmy Juste, Andrew Sobers

In absentia: Edwin Rivera (Chair), Katie Cianelli, Pete Farrell, Cindy Lyons, Ken Poudrier, Tadgh Sullivan

Also in attendance:

Staff: Alicia Savage (Executive Director), Joe McSheffrey (Technology Support Specialist), Karen Boyle (Administrative Assistant)

Remote Staff: Kristine Bingham (Director of Finance)

Audience:

Remote Audience: Tochi Anuonyemere (Student)

Meetings documents:

- Meeting Agenda
- Draft Minutes from the November 17, 2022 meeting
- Executive Director Report
- Draft School Calendar 2023-2024
- Year-to-Date Financials
- FY22 Charter School End-of-Year Financial Report

Opening of Meeting: William Smyth (Vice Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm

Board Business

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: V. Walsh moved to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2022 meeting. T. Deveau seconded.

Vote by individual roll call:

W. Smyth, V. Walsh, K. Trask, T. Deveau, K. Fluhr, N. Julien, J. Juste, K. Poudrier, A. Sobers
All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

School & Academic Report

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

Full Report may be [viewed here](#)

- PSAT results from October 12, 2022 - 67 SSCPS Juniors. The mean average for SSCPS was 999. 15% of the Class of 2024 scored within the top 10 percent of test takers nationally.
- Enrollment - current enrollment is 1062. We have received 216 applications as of December 1, 69 for Kindergarten, 25 for Grade 6, 19 for Grade 3 and 18 for Grade 9. Application deadline is February 27, 2023 and the lottery is scheduled for March 3, 2023.
- Current enrollment plan allows for 1075 students. In 2015, the Massachusetts Department of Education allowed SSCPS an enrollment expansion and allowed us to move into 700 Longwater in August 2016. Should the board consider increasing enrollment again, one possibility is a minor enrollment expansion. A minor enrollment expansion is under 25% of our student population. Vinnie suggested hiring a consultant to assist with the expansion. Table II provides a draft model of what an enrollment expansion of 125 student seats could resemble over the next five years.
- The transportation program continues to receive positive feedback. After school activities, tutoring, music programs and athletics has us looking into options for next year's transportation possibilities. The SSCPS Family Survey will be sent out on February 1, 2023 and it will include a series of questions pertaining to transportation and how we can maintain and improve regional transportation for the upcoming year.
- DESE Site Visit Tuesday, January 31, 2023 - Focus groups will include students, teachers, school administration, parents and family members of current students, and members of the Board of Trustees. Board will attend per Zoom
- School Calendar - 2023-2024 was approved.

MOTION: V. Walsh moved to approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar as presented. K. Trask seconded.

Vote by individual roll call:

W. Smyth, V. Walsh, K. Trask, T. Deveau, K. Fluhr, N. Julien, J. Juste, K. Poudrier, A. Sobers

All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Faculty: K Trowbridge reported

School update:

- On Friday 9/9 we will be holding conferences for all parents. Levels I and II have the option of in-person or virtual. Level III, IV, and High School are virtual.
- At 100
 - This past month 8th grade had a field trip to the EMK Institute.
 - Level I finished up their farm trips for the fall- they will return once for a “winter visit” and then will resume again in the spring
 - On 12/21 Levels I and II will have their winter concerts.
 - Craft day coming up
- At 700
 - The High School Dance is tonight!
 - On 12/14 all of the music workshops will have a winter concert in person
 - On 12/21 Levels 1 and 2 will have their winter concerts.

Students: T. Sullivan emailed report. T Anuonyemere presented.

- BSU, NHS, GSA, and MSA all continue to meet
- The basketball season has started, with the first game being this friday for the boys
- Our school has joined MIAA, giving us more opportunities for games and to play against more schools
- The juniors got PSAT scores back this week
- There is a winter dance for the high school tonight

Parents Association: No report

Finance: V Walsh reported

- Committee met this evening
- Charter School end of year financial report needs to be filed in a format that the state requires
- Financial Information in packets. No new information. Already approved by the board.

MOTION: Kathleen Trask moved to approve the FY22 Charter School End-of-Year Financial Report as presented. Kiki Fluhr seconded.

Vote by individual roll call:

W. Smyth, V.Walsh, K. Trask, T. Deveau, K.Fluhr, N. Julien, J. Juste, K. Poudrier, A. Sobers

All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

Development: No report

Governance: K Trask reported

- Natacha and Jimmy are recruiting a couple of potential candidates
- Feb 1 due date. Interviews mid Feb and candidates presented at the March 9th meeting for consideration. They will attend the December PA meeting
- Please outreach to disinterested parties to run for a board position
- Survey - Board members - view as a whole

Personnel: B. Smyth reported

- FASA negotiations in process
- Evaluation of Executive Director, survey will be sent to the board
- Suggests having an ad hoc committee to address expansion

Audience: Public Comment

There were no audience members and questions/comments in the Zoom chat.

Student Comment: Tochi Anuonyemere presented

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

Vote by individual roll call:

W. Smyth, V. Walsh, K. Trask, T. Deveau, K. Fluhr, N. Julien, J. Juste, K. Poudrier, A. Sobers

All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Boyle

Approved by: Kathleen Trask, Clerk