

Seven Hills Preparatory Academy Board Minutes – February 3, 2022

Approved by the board March 3, 2022

Members:

- Renson Anjere
- Lisa Barnidge
- Wes Whalberg
- Kim Hubertus
- Molly Lee
- Leah Lellman
- Janeen Raaen
- Michael Meyer
- Carl Schlueter (Ex Officio)
- Martine Walker
- Kelly Ryan
- Marla Martin

Others present: Carolyn Farrell, Brent Peterson, Samantha Strachan, *Community Members* - Mike Stapp, Sarah Stapp, Erik Queen, Neal Rieh, Renee Carlson, Rich Penix, Brian Eagle, Mike Mieling, Joanna Mieling, Kent Fairbairn, Karen Fairbairn, Geoffory Urbanz, Paul Perdue, Sam Goertz, Amanda Goertz, Brianna Dickel, Valerie Bryer, Erica Lehner, Rose Marquis, Rachel Trach

Mission

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1. Call to order at 6:00 p.m. was made by Board Chair, Lisa Barnidge.
2. Roll Call: See above list of members in attendance (indicates present, indicates absent).
3. Approval of the agenda
 - **Motion to approve the February 3, 2022 SHPA Board agenda as made by Martine Walker and seconded by Renson Anjere** *Motion passed unanimously. Marla Martin not present.*

4. Approval of the January 6, 2022 Board meeting minutes --See *SHPA Board meeting minutes, January 6, 2022*

- **Motion to approve the January 6, 2022 Board meeting minutes made by Wes Whalberg and seconded by Janeen Raaen.** *Motion passed unanimously. Marla Martin not present.*
- **Motion to approve the January 11, 2022 working session minutes made by Janeen Raaen and seconded by Martine Walker.** *Motion passed unanimously. Marla Martin not present.*

5. Comments from Community Members:

- a. *Eric Queen - Parent wanting to express concern over the most recent provision of the Gender Inclusion Policy. Wanting to find a solution to accommodate all parties.*
- b. *Renee Carlson - Lawyer- These policies are not mandated and SHPA would not lose their funding by not adopting the Gender Inclusion Policy.*
- c. *Mike Meiling - Would like to discuss a compromise in the requirement of students using pronouns. Would like to use preferred names but not require students to use preferred pronouns.*
- d. *Amanda Goertz - Disappointed that discussion on masking policy has not been further discussed by the board. Would like to address Minority Academics not being discussed in the MnEep*
- e. *Rachel Thrach - Would like the religious communities in SHPA to be acknowledged and protected by the same rights as the transgender children.*
- f. *Erica Lehner - Would like more accommodations in changing areas for students.*
- g. *Dan Prazinsk - Would like to consider other options/information available .Have a coalition of parents across the spectrum so voices are heard to drive towards a common outcome.*
- h. *Sam Goertz - Responding to communications that the parent community is only finding their information off of certain media sites in regards to the Gender Inclusion Policy.*

PTA Update from Molly Corrigan presented by Molly Lee:

- *Dine to Donate yielded just under \$400.*
- *PTA meeting in person - at Lucky 13s*
- *February Dine to Donate Feb 22 at Chevys- 20%*

6. Monthly Financial Report – December 2021- presented by Michael Meyer, *Board Treasurer, see Seven Hills Board Financial Packet.*

7. Reports

a. Finance Committee Meeting -- presented by Michael Meyer - *see Seven Hills Finance Committee meeting minutes, February 1, 2022.*

- **Motion to approve the February 1, 2022 Finance Committee meeting minutes made by Molly Lee and seconded by Marla Martin. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Motion to approve the revised 2022 working budget made by Martine Walker and seconded by Wes Wahlberg . Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Motion to approve the revised PTO proposal made by Kim Hubertus and seconded by Renson Anjere. Motion passed unanimously. Motion withdrawn by Kim Hubertus.**

b. Executive Director – Carl Schlueter - *see Executive Director’s Report to the School Board, February 3, 2022.*

c. Principals’ Reports

i. Principal Report – Bloomington Campus - presented by Brent Peterson - *See Principal’s Report to the School Board ,February 3, 2022*

ii. Principal Report – Richfield Campus – presented by Carolyn Farrell - *See Principal’s Report to the School Board, February 3, 2022*

d. Board Chair – presented by Lisa Barnidge

i. Recap of working session on January 11, 2022

ii. Working session to finalize year 1 objectives/MnEEP- February 15, 2022

iii. March Town Hall Date- March 22, 2022- 6:30 pm BC Campus

iv. Ad Hoc Election Committee - Kelly Ryan, Janeen Raaen, Renson Anjere

v. Attendee to February PTA Meeting - Janeen Raaen

vi. Review February board calendar

e. Facilities Committee - *presented by Carl Schlueter - see January 26, 2022 Facilities Committee meeting minutes*

- **Motion to approve the January 26, 2022 Facilities Committee meeting minutes made by Janeen Raaen and seconded by Molly Lee. Motion passed unanimously. Martine Walker not present.**

f. Human Resources Committee - presented by Molly Lee - *committee did not meet*

g. Governance Committee – presented by *Kim Hubertus - see January 10, 2022 Governance Committee meeting minutes*

- **Motion to approve the January 10, 2022 Governance Committee meeting minutes as amended made by Molly Lee and seconded by Renson Anjere. Motion passed unanimously. Martine Walker not present.**

h. Public Relations Committee - Lisa Barnidge- *committee did not meet*

8. Upcoming Events:

- a. PTA meeting - February 10, 2022 - 5:00 pm - Location: Lucky 13 in Bloomington location - attending Janeen Raaen.

9. Board Events:

- a. SHPA Board meeting March 3, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the BC Campus

10. Board Adjourned at 7: 46 p.m. by Lisa Barnidge, Board Chair

Note: As Board Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Michael Meyer abstains from voting as governance practices and MN Charter School laws state that the CFO and chief administrator may only serve as ex-officio non-voting members of the board.

Executive Director's Report to the School Board

Date: Thursday, February 3rd, 2022

Mission

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Academics

- Modifying our winter interim assessments due to the impact of the pandemic

Community Partnerships

- Attended MACS meeting for metro-area charter school leaders + Day at the Capitol
- Held a booster clinic for 12+ students and shared testing and masking resources

Diversity and Inclusion

- Completing the annual Civil Rights Data Collection Report for SY2020 -21
- Held staff racial equity retreat with MnEEP based on pre-assessment findings (chart)

Facilities

- Awaiting project bids for RC window replacement in light of pandemic-related delays
- Continue to cooperate with partners at both campuses on shared facility expectations

Finance

- Following state budget proposals and the potential impact upon charter public schools
- Reviewed combined PTO proposal at Staff Council and Finance Committee meetings

School Culture

- Looking forward to starting and resuming winter extracurricular activities and events
- Modifying plans for various upcoming field trips in response to pandemic conditions

Staffing

- Recognize and celebrate the care & commitment of our special education assistants!

Recommendations

- *Reduce quarantine per MDH criteria, but not reduced isolation per staff, space, privacy concerns*

Enrollment

- LEA Enrollment = 1116 - Lottery numbers down slightly ahead of further marketing/outreach efforts
- Open Enrollment Lottery Applications: BC Kindergarten=129; RC Kindergarten=104; RC 6G=36

Bloomington Campus Principal's Report to the School Board

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ACADEMICS

- Interim Assessment #2 was interrupted due to the at-home learning week. Classrooms will administer paper assessments to gather relevant data to support/adjust the learning
- Attendance and participation with at-home learning materials was very high and students were ready for a return to the classroom this week.
- February brings about Black History Month and, as Gerald Ford said in the official declaration, we are asked to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history”.

STAFFING

- Hired Ms. Sharnissa Burton as a Building Sub. This helps to fill the need while Ms. Fox is on leave from that role.
- Interviews for a long-term sub for Ms. Haas’ 3rd grade classroom are complete. We had several candidates all of which have been successfully working with us in other capacities. We will be making an offer this week.

CULTURE

- Professional development MnEEP Retreat w/ staff on Jan 24th springboard for ongoing Race Equity work
- Working on assembling the Lisa Carlin: Teacher of the Year selection committee and nominating form. Any board member willing to join would be welcome.

Submitted by Brent Peterson, Bloomington Campus Principal

Richfield Campus Principal's Report to the School Board

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Academics

Students participated in at home learning during the week of January 25th. Student attendance at the middle school was at 98% and 93% at the elementary school. Student attendance was based on student participation in their advisory or morning meeting.

Seven Hills has been chosen once again to participate in the 2022 administration of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students in the United States know and can do in various subjects. It is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the U.S. Department of Education. Students in 8th grade only were selected to take the assessment on February 10, 2022, in the area of mathematics and reading.

School Culture

The seventh grade students, with Ms. Hoffman in the lead, will be participating in the seventh grade overnight February 16th-February 18th. We have outgrown our former overnight program (Baker program) and will now be participating in the Deep Portage Learning Center in Hackensack, MN. Ms. Farrell as well as teachers and staff will be attending as chaperones. Covid protocols have been set in place with the help of Mr. Schlueter.

Staffing

Mr. Todd Mulder has resigned his position as Middle School Music Teacher, effective February 11, 2022.

This report has been submitted by the Richfield Campus Principal, Carolyn Farrell