

Sabillasville Environmental School

Board of Directors Meeting

September 9, 2024 6:05PM

Members in attendance; Shelby Green, Denny Willard, Alisha Yocum, Barb Doney, Joel Fischer, Sheena Talley, Kara Wolf, Baker, Sadie Wiles.

Remote: Jeffery Finch, Ashley Barber

Parent Attendance: Nicole Cubbage

- I. Alisha called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. There was no public comment.
- II. Agenda was moved for approval from S. Green, seconded by D. Willard.
- III. R. Koontz moved to approve the Minutes, seconded by D. Willard.
- IV. Financials (J. Finch)
 - A. Update on PPA Funding/ Budget: Mostly dependent on the appeal decision. Will wait to approve the budget until we get that.
 - B. MSDE Grant: Received approval for \$329,000 from MD Alliance. This will allow for the additional portable for the school. FCPS will not allow us to apply for the reimbursement of the 20,000 from last year's expenditures because they had already closed their books in July.
 - C. Great Frederick Fair Grant (A. Yocum): We applied for \$18,000 to remodel the art room and refurbish the room. We only received \$5,000. We need to decide if we are going to front the \$13,000 with the MD Alliance grant. S. Green moved and J. Finch seconded to reallocate some funding from the MSDE Grant funds for the art room project. Shooting to do over Christmas Break.
- V. Principals Report (S. Talley)
 - A. Enrollment- Most grades are full or short one student
 - B. Staffing: Tech Update- AJ Cumar has been getting up to speed in his new role. Media Update- Still an open position and Mrs. Mullins has been doing a great job and obtaining professional development. Special Education- FCPS has granted us long two term SIA positions to accommodate our increasing needs. 3 Hour Position posted with Food and Nutrition Position to help in the lunch room.
 - C. Special Education: Have been sharing concerns with increasing needs and increasing transparency
 - D. Special Transportation: Two students with Special Transportation as of today. There is a policy within transportation that will allow that to come out of FCPS budget not SES budget, ONLY for students who had that at their home school before coming to SES. This is all organized through the central office.
 - E. Events: GFF School trip. Sept 17th. Conferences are Oct 8th & 9th.
 - F. Security: The equipment upgrade is going to be funded by an FCPS grant based on need. Still waiting for details as to what criteria they will use to make those decisions.
- VI. Facilities (A. Yocum)
 - A. Boiler Update: Looking for a piece to help regulate the boiler so it will not require daily adjustments.

- B. Spill Prevention Plan Proposal will be in the amount of \$5,000. Currently underway.
- VII. Charter Renewal Application: Extended deadline until Friday Sept 13th.
- VIII. Community Outreach and Marketing:
 - A. Community Show (A. Yocum) All of the students were able to participate in the community show this year and there are several areas of monetary contribution coming back to the school.
 - B. Great Frederick Fair (S. Green) we will have a booth for families to view in City Streets and Country Roads. During the morning when the school tours come through, volunteers will be helping students with growing a garden in a glove to tie our school theme this year back to the fair theme.
 - C. Website (A. Yocum) the BOE would like us to add a specified address for the SES Board instead of just the general info@sesclassical.org. The SES board asked Alisha to reply asking the FCPS BOE if we could continue to use the method that works best for us to be sure no issues emailed fall between any cracks. We also turned down the opportunity for the FCPS BOE to manage our website as an in kind service.
 - D. Board of Education Panel for Charter Schools (A. Yocum) The board discussed sending candidate members an invitation to the SES Theme days to help build a relationship with potential board members and educate them on the SES way.
- IX. Fundraising Ideas
 - A. Considering creating a farm to table event to invite business as sponsors.
- X. Back to School night is Monday 19th 6-7:30PM.
 - A. Board proposed stocking the staff lounge with snacks for the first day.
- XI. PTO Updates-
 - A. Mountain Fest is coming up Oct 12&13th.
 - B. PTO sign up for dinner during conferences.
 - C. Started discussing Fall Family Fun night Sat Oct 26th 4pm.
 - D. Looking at possibilities for 8th grade field trip.
 - E. Discussed current fundraisers NYC bus trip. Fresh wreath sale. Hershey Park Tickets in the spring. Book fair during conferences and the First PTO meeting is on September 3rd.
 - F. Going to continue the year books
 - G. The Trolley trail spot needs maintenance, and PTO is looking for volunteers.
- XII. Composting (B. Doney) We received a grant to be able to start composting school waste. It would cost \$200 a bin for about two bins, so it would be a \$400/month service. Ashley suggested looking into the taste of Maryland grants that could fund the service. R. Koontz moved to pay the contract month to month until we can gain clarity and J. Fischer seconded.
- XIII. S. Green moved and R. Koontz seconded to adjourn the open session 6:55PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelby Green