

SPRINGWATER ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES SCHOOL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2022

6:00pm

Held at Springwater Environmental Sciences School

16491 S. Springwater Rd. Oregon City, OR 97045

Call to Order: 6:15pm

Members Present: Tina Marquez, Tory Blackwell, Nathalie Doherty, Sarah Head, Jessica Henrickson, Cinda Scott (arrives 7:37pm)

Members Absent: Lissa Hettervig

Non-Voting Member Present: Greg Mylet

Community Present: Nate Loomis, Robert's iPad, Melissa Kinsler

MOTION TO APPROVE JULY 13, 2022, MEETING MINUTES- APPROVED BY ALL

Principal Report:

Greg invites board members to tour the campus to highlight some changes, new pizza oven, classrooms have moved to be near teaching partners, new ramp on the farthest portable, and repairs to the parking lot.

Greg points out some lists up on the board that staff developed, questions for next year, concerns that should be addressed, and ideas for next year.

The second week of summer camp went well. There were 10 high school camp counselors, 8 teachers and 170 campers. They learned cording, how to build shelters, the older kids learned knife skills, and all campers did some hiking.

Greg is excited that parent council is off to a good start this year they have scheduled several -

Facilities Management:

Since we received the ESSR 3 funds we have the money to hire a facilities manager at \$55/hour for between 20-30 hours/month, we have someone in mind however we must post the job description. We were able to fund summer school using the State school funding savings- \$25,000.

MOTION TO USE ESSR 3 FUNDS TO HIRE A FACILITIES MANAGER- APPROVED BY ALL

Greg shares screen- Job description of Facilities Manager.

Charter contract renewal:

OCSD approved the contract on August 8th, there were 2 significant changes pg.5, pg. 10

Pg. 5-- For the purpose of ameliorating the impact of discrimination against historically underserved students, an equitable lottery selection process may include weights that favor historically underserved students. As per ORS 338.125(3)(a) "historically underserved students" are students who are at risk because of any combination of their race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, disability, income level, proficiency, in the English language.

Pg. 10-- of Springwater that is equal to 80 percent of the amount of the District's general grant per ADMw as calculated under ORS 327.013 for Springwater students in grade Kindergarten through eighth. Funding shall be determined based on enrollment as of the date by which the District must submit its Fall Report to the Oregon Department of Education. Prior to June 1, 2024, the District and Springwater will review and reevaluate the funding percentage as established in this paragraph based on the state and local revenue forecasts as of May 15, 2024.

Tory- They said No to the 85% but will provide services.

Greg- Yes, we would like behavioral support.

Tory- Can we make sure that it is the same person who provides the support weekly to avoid confusion.

Greg- Yes, we will Re-Evaluate in 2 weeks.

Tina- Lets keep in mind that we need to comeback to this before the open house in February. So, let's put it on the Dec./ Jan. agenda.

Greg- Yes, we need to do that.

License Agreement with Metro:

Metro had asked us to sign a 10year agreement that we are allowed to use the property for the next 10 years, they sent us a red line copy- regarding the parking lot. We had our land use attorney Mary Johnson look at it. She recommended we send a letter to their attorney to begin a conversation. The adverse position claim we could once we sign then that would terminate our original agreement. This is a cause for action, we can file a suit. We can go back 22 years to show images of us using the space. We need official images; Gary Sheppard is Metro land use lawyer.

Sarah- Is there concern about our relationship with Metro?

Greg- Brian is our liaison. He said, no.

Sarah- It seems like something we should move slowly on, Brian may not have much authority to say about the relationship.

Greg- It is a very complicated issue.

Web Designer:

We got 3 bids-

Ink Stained Digital--\$4,425-6,675 (migrating to Square Space)

Jolly Good Web Design--\$7000 (would keep WordPress but simplify access)

Mateo Minoto--\$7800 (would migrate to Square Space)

Tory-Jolly Good keeping WordPress worries me.

Sarah- I like Square Space.

Jessica- I like Ink Stained, because it is a Springwater Parent they have "skin in the game."

Tina- Let's google each of them.

Sarah- Googles Ink Stained and realize she has heard of this family.

More discussing regarding. Ink Stained.

*Greg introduces Rachel the new First grade teacher, who happens to pop into the building. She introduces herself and describes her background.

MOTION TO HIRE INK STAINED AS OUR WEB DESIGNER- APPROVED BY ALL

Nathalie- I did put out a focus group ask for families to help the web designer with what we want/need. Tina volunteers to be on the committee, and suggest we put out another ask once the person is officially hired.

Public Comment: None

7:12pm Break and review Contract with Charter agreement.

7:27pm Return to Session

MOTION TO APPROVE CHARTER AGREEMENT WITH OCSD- APPROVED BY ALL

VISIONING SESSION- We need to schedule our goals, add changes. What can the board do to move forward? Equity items, Tory has updated the list on Google Docs. Tina and Tory explain how we have done Visioning Sessions in the past.

Nathalie- We do need to do a Special Session/training with Kristin Miles (OSBA board development specialist), we can schedule the visioning session after we meet with Kristen to help focus our involvement. Kristen has given us a list of dates to chose from. People tell Nathalie what may work or not work for them.

Nathalie- I have a phone date with Kristen tomorrow, I will check in with her for more dates that may work and text you all for feedback to schedule. (Special Session Scheduled 6pm in person at the school September 8th)

*Schedule Vision Session- at the September Board Meeting.

CORE VALUES DOCUMENT-

This is a document we worked on some time ago with Kristen Miles during one of our Special Sessions/training sessions. We would like to have this document visible to all on campus and on our website. Greg- I realized we didn't decide upon the exact language.

Board discusses the words and make minor changes.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CORE VALUES- WE ARE AUTHENTIC, CREATIVE, CURIOUS AND TOGETHER. - APPROVED BY ALL

MARY ROWE'S HR CONSULTANT CONTRACT-

Board has conversation. Renew for now and maybe next year look for someone who has education experience.

MOTION TO EXTEND MARY ROWE'S CONTRACT FOR ANOTHER 12 YEAR- APPROVED BY ALL

FAMILY HANDBOOK UPDATE-

Greg- This is very similar to our student handbook. Can we combine to make Student/Family handbook?

Tory- We've always discussed having a user-friendly guidebook to discuss the ways of Springwater. For example, volunteering, how do busses work, how does FFS work, a list of family events (calendar).

Greg- I will have teachers look at it and get back to you by the next board meeting.

UPDATES:

Fundraising- Maggie gave Nathalie a handout.

Fundraising Goal for 2022-2023: \$80,000.

-Beginning of the year there are easy ways to give: September 1st- Grab a bottle drop bag with our Amazon Smile and Grocery Store rewards information.

-Giving Tuesday November 29th- Online Giving campaign

- U-Cut Tree/Chili Cook Off/Makers Market December 3rd

-Read a-thon 2/27-3/3

-Hybrid Auction- Spring TBA

Budget Update:

Tory- We still have not gotten our SPED payment.

Greg- Oregon State has a new CFO so things are moving slowly.

Savings account- \$861,991.58

Checking account- \$317,363.89

Facilities:

Greg- Covered area- Every time we build something we need to get a permit from Clackamas County. Once we hire a facilities manager, they will take this over. If we go over budget then we will need to re assess each step needs a permit, plumbing to handle the water runoff.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: 8:27pm