

SPRINGWATER ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES SCHOOL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2023

6:00pm

Held at Springwater Environmental Sciences School

16491 S. Springwater Rd. Oregon City, Oregon 97045

And Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87998225943?pwd=R2FHVXpCS1FWeWV1aG9YbFhTdEpJZz09>

Members Present: Tina Marquez, Cinda Scott, Lissa Hettervig (leave 7:48pm), Jessica Henrickson, Tory Blackwell, Nathalie Doherty, Sarah Head

Non-Voting Member Present: Greg Mylet

Staff Present: Jen Wozniak, Kelsea Wagner

Call to Order: 6:04pm

Motion to approve December 14, 2022, meeting minutes- Approved by ALL

Principal's Report-

Greg shares his screen.

1. Coffee and conversation
2. Revisit Goals
3. Schedule change, FFS update
 - a. We have regularly had 20-25% absenteeism. This week only 10% absent.
 - b. Childcare on Wednesday.
 - c. School wide focus on habitat for FFS. Why is this organism here vs there?
4. Student handbook
5. (blank)

6. Website
7. Staff Representative

Having FFS with overlapping areas of interest and having 2 big topics per year is beneficial.

Pease love and pancakes is scheduled, the community store is open and doing well.

Childcare on Wednesday 12-15 people will be with Julia. She had the time and is a current employee, she is paid per hour and has a parent volunteer to help her.

As of today, we now have 2 busses.

Nathalie- How does the bus reimbursement work?

Greg- We talked to Scappoose School district; they already have been doing it this way. First student will send the bill directly to the district.

School Wide 2023-2024 Goals-

Greg shares his screen-

Equity goal-The creation of a committee has happened and lens to apply to future decisions practices and decisions- We are making progress.

Student Handbook- If you notice edits or changes please send to April.

Motion to approve Student Handbook subject to edits and future edits for the 2023 school year- Approved by ALL

Sarah- Suggests a student friendly version and parent friendly one moving forward. Sarah volunteered to be on that committee.

Kindergarten early entrance requests-

Lottery/waitlist Policy No. 121

Adopted: April 2008

Amended: March 2010, April 2015, Jan. 2012

Amended: April 2015

Amended: March 2018

Old Language- Only students who will be five years of age by September 1 of the upcoming school year may submit applications for the lottery.

- The old language was amended vs adopted and this line was omitted.

Oregon City School District says- “Our district has a policy that allows for when a child turns 5 years old between Sept. 1-Sept. 30, 2023, they can apply for an early entrance KG assessment. I am the primary contact for this initially. The cost is \$250, and the parent is responsible for submitting payment prior to May 15, 2023, this year. A consultant is contracted, and texting is usually scheduled for the week or two AFTER the last day of the current school year (if at all possible). Once a contractor has been secured, we will send notification to parent of the testing schedule for their child. Once the child has been tested, parents will receive the results within 24 hours. Students must score a minimum of 97% NPR on the assessment, which is a Woodcock Johnson evaluation.”

Board Discussion- Regarding Pros and Cons

If the student enrolls, would they go to the bottom of the list? Yes

Motion to Amend the board policies to allow Kindergarten early entrance with added language to the Policy No. 121. When a child turns 5 years old between Sept. 1- Sept. 30th they can apply for early entrance KG assessment. Student must score a minimum of 97% NPR on the Woodcock Johnson evaluation and if kind reapply the following year moves to the bottom of in district grade. - Approved by ALL

Website-

Kevin Ginger and Dave Garlock are working together to get it out.

Staff Representative –

Jen Wozniak is coming to Staff meetings on Wednesdays, this allows Jen to give the board feedback at board meetings. Staff are wondering how are we advertising about our Open House? How can we use an equity lens to get future applicants. We have different staffing now more and a wider variety, we can ask everyone to apply with different needs ESL for example.

Teachers are noticing some kids are coming to school without adequate foods and snacks. Teachers are requesting extra snacks, lunch items to be stored in the kitchen and classrooms. For example, burritos, crackers, and cheese.

Greg- Free and reduced lunch for those who qualify?

Lissa- Several of us volunteers have food handlers’ cards, and we distribute pizza on Thursdays.

Tory- What about a line for donations \$10. Per person for additional nutrition?

Jen- We can use sign up genius to rotate who buys snacks, however Teachers would prefer the food to always be there.

Nathalie- Back to the equity on open houses, Chelsea Hamilton works making fliers in different languages. We can hang them up at the Library, Fred Meyers etc. in Spanish, English and Russian.

Jen- Can we give families fliers to put up in their places they shop/go?

Tory- We should put them up around Latinx and Slavic population.

Nathalie- Greg do you want to put the flier in the weekly?

Greg- Yes

Tory- We can put up a flier on the community board fire hall.

Architects-

We will table this discussion until our February meeting as there are some other people coming tomorrow so we may have a 3rd option.

Weighted Lottery- We will leave off the table due to a Supreme Court case.

Search for new board members-

Nathalie will craft a blurb to put in the weekly, all current board members will reach out to people they think might be interested in joining.

Board Goals-

Tory shares screen- Is the \$ the board is allocating towards staff retention having the impact on staff retention?

How to encourage more staff to stay and stay for longer periods of time?

Jen- I'm on the equity committee and we will meet with them.

Sarah- Will connect with Jen to discuss possible training opportunities.

Motion to approve the boards 2022-2023 goals- Approved by ALL

Updates:

Fundraising May 5 Auction

Website work group- Met and working on new site.

Safety committee meeting- Monday January 23rd 7pm Virtual (Greg will send Zoom invite)

Facilities- Covered area is up. Still needs drainage and permits.

Greg suggested a paddle raise for the Auction of improvements to the playground specifically asphalt.

Metro-

Heat- Frozen pipes in 4 classrooms affecting heat registers. Insurance will pay for it. Classrooms are warm-Hallways are not.

Parts are ordered, 3-4mons out. \$1000, repair or replace whole units.

Budget-

\$862,027.70 Savings

\$527,551.47 checking

How to budge Summer Camp in the future? Supplies etc. need a new line item.

Adjourn: 8:26pm