

Sabillasville Environmental School

Board of Directors Meeting

January 8th, 2024 6:00 PM

Members in attendance; Alisha Yocum, Shelby Green, Robert Black, Robert Koontz, Sheena Talley, Sadie Wiles, Barbara Doney

Remote; Jeff Finch, Ashley Barber, Denny Willard, Melissa Beil

- I. Alisha called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. There was no public comment.
- II. Discussion was held in regards to the newly vacant board position as Gary tendered his resignation. Joel Fisher was who Gary put forth for recommendation. The board will hold a formal interview process.
- III. R. Koontz Moved to approve the Secretary minutes. Seconded by R. Black.
- IV. Financials (J. Finch)
 - A. Day to day basis operating at a surplus through November. R. Black moved to approve the Financial Report seconded by R. Koontz.
 - B. MSDE Grant, moving closer for final report to review. Do not have a timeline as to when we will be able to use the grant money as it is hung up in state to county operations. Funds are not gone, just tied up in the transition process.
 - C. Jan 17th 1pm the financial committee will have a sit down meeting with Mrs. Talley.
 - D. Report on adding an additional student to each class yielded \$114,000 PPA in addition to 23 students in 8th grade \$293,000 in PPA. However, \$80,000 is estimated to add an Environmental specialist, \$140,000 for additional math, \$140,000 for additional reading, and \$140,000 for an 8th grade teacher. A full time position would overspent the additional budget by \$90,000. More Discussion was held.
- V. Principals Report (S. Talley)
 - A. SES was featured in the Winter 2024 feature of the Bluebird Publication.
 - B. Currently there are 5 open spots.
 - C. Kaylee Wiles has joined the team as the SEIA position.
 - D. Barb Doney has completed Green School Application.
 - E. Mid year assessments are ongoing.
 - F. Lottery has re-opened. Staff and board agree there will not be tours offered during the day unscheduled.
 - G. Staffing and Master Schedule; Working with ILT team to plan for adding 8th grade Math teacher.
 - H. Security Cameras, contacted a second vendor for a quote.
 - I. PD on 17th, Specials teachers are sent to centralized locations while other teachers are working within the school for evaluating data and PD.
 - J. Virtual learning Students have been sent home with work packets in the event of one of the three approved virtual learning days.
 - K. Clubs, Chorus is looking to expand, Archery will be moving indoors as they practice, Art club begins Jan 25th, looking to expand primary clubs.

- L. Upcoming Events: Middle school dance, Skate night, charter school advocacy Jan 31st SGA.
 - 1. S. Green moved to approve the sub pay to cover for the Advocacy day so teachers can accompany the students down, and that the student activity money be used to cover the transportation down. Seconded by R. Koontz.
- M. Two more additional laptops need to be purchased for staff. R. Koontz moved to purchase, seconded by R. Black.
- VI. Facilities (A. Yocum)
 - A. Waiting to hear back from Kelco. -D. Willard
 - B. Art Room remodeling; \$3,950, would still need to purchase furniture. FCPS did approve the request.
 - C. Panels against the back wall in 6th grade room \$9,000 to address peeling and large Gash. This would be addressed in the summer.
 - D. Carpet in the portables was approved via email. This will be addressed during the summer.
 - E. Awaiting a bid from PJs roofing.
 - F. Lottery opened Jan 2nd. Open house is Feb 5th at 7pm. And virtual session Feb 23rd.
- VII. Great Outdoor Bingo- March 3rd
 - A. First planning meeting held, hoping to sell tickets online, only a few will be printed
 - B. Next meeting will be the 17th at 7pm.
- VIII. PTO Updates: Funding the December field trip. 3 Cultural events coming up which will be covered partially by Rural MD Grant. Looking to curate two \$500 environmental scholarships funded by Mountain Fest.
- IX. R. Koontz moved to adjourn the meeting. R. Black seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:51PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelby Green