

Sabillasville Environmental School

Board of Directors Meeting

August 11, 2025 6:06PM

Members in attendance: Shelby Green, Denny Willard, Sheena Talley, Janet Boden, Emily Darling, Robert Black

Remote: Jeffrey Finch, Alisha Yocom, Kara Wolfe, Justine Rodgers, Jeff Finch

- I. Approval of the agenda as submitted was moved by J. Finch, Seconded by D. Willard.
- II. Alisha called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM. There was no public comment.
- III. Approval for the July Minutes was moved by J. Finch, seconded by J. Rodgers.
- IV. Financials(J. Finch)
 - A. At the end of June we had \$251,985 in cash, sufficient liquidity to meet all obligations. June financials are under audit at the moment and will be completed by the beginning of September. Net loss of \$13,450 for the period, and are expecting an estimated settlement of \$168,636 from FCPS for the 2024-2025.
 - B. S. Green moved to approve the financials, and they were seconded by D. Willard. The board passed unanimously.
 - C. The 2025-2026 Budget was expected by FCPS on August 1st, without an official PPA to be able to balance a budget. The budget was submitted with a surplus of \$12,436 with the right to edit the budget as the negotiations continue. We will be moving that surplus into the facility updates line item to create a balanced budget.
- V. Principals Report (S. Talley)
 - A. Celebrations Jason and Rady have done an excellent job getting the building ready for staff to return on the 13th. The third portable has completed concrete and furniture will move in tomorrow. Jan & Emily with their work on the environmental learning days.
 - B. Enrollment- As of last week we still have some seats moving around but are filled as follows: K-23, 1-24, 2-24, 3-22, 4-23, 5-23, 6-24, 7-12, 8-23. The timeline of the approval of extra seats came too late to finish filling the extra seats.
 - C. School Improvement:
 - 1. Principal Summit focused on high quality curricula teaching and learning, high quality assessments and data systems, evidence informed systems for acceleration intervention and student support. Based on that we will be working on the following.
 - a) Implementing a Buzz Block for reading and mathematics tutoring for each grade everyday.
 - b) MTSS focus
 - c) Farm (Free And Reduced Meals) percentage of students participating is growing every year, correlating to concerns to performance on MCAP as well as Special Education percentages.
 - d) ALP
 - e) Collaborative time for special ed teachers to work with general education teachers during dismissal.

- D. Events:
 - 1. Back to school night is next Monday 6-730PM, with 2 sessions that can be attended.
 - 2. September partnership with frederickal classical focusing on classical pedagogy .
- E. Staff: Searching for a special education instructional assistant had several applicants.

VI. Facilities (A. Yocum)

- A. Portable- Passed inspection Friday. The furniture we ordered for 8th grade arrived in time.
- B. Pannels- still on the to do list.
- C. Doors- locks have all been repaired.
- D. Fire Alarm-Landline Connection- those connections will be sunsetted so we will need to update those in the future. No further info has been provided. Still no communication from FCPS.
- E. Mulch- will be put down tomorrow and be ready for the back to school night.
- F. 5th grade room- custodians were able to re-attach the carpet back down for this school year.
- G. Bricks on the playground are coming off and coming apart and will need to be addressed. Justine is going to look into a 'buy a brick initiative'.

VII. Bricks of the retaining wall - Justine is working with several online options to allow donors to help rebuild the retaining wall by the playground at minimal cost.

VIII. MD Alliance Grant Requirements- Thank you to all the board members who participated in the training. We will have roughly \$80,000 left over in the grant after the portable.

IX. PTO updates:

- A. The next meeting will be Tuesday Sept 2nd.
- B. Back to school night August 18th 6pm. Will have spirit wear onsite.
- C. Fall Family Fun night will be the next event

X. Motion to Adjourn was made by D. Willard, Seconded by S. Green. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 and moved to the closed session.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelby Green