

Sabillasville Environmental School

Board of Directors Meeting

April 8, 2024 6PM

Members in attendance; Alisha Yocum, Shelby Green, Robert Koontz, Sheena Talley, Barbara Doney, Denny Willard, Sadie Wiles, Joel Fischer

Remote: Jeffery Finch, Ashley Barber

- I. Alisha called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. There was no public comment.
- II. Agenda was moved for approval from R. Koontz, Seconded by J. Finch.
- III. D. Willard moved to approve the Minutes, seconded by J. Finch.
- IV. Financials (J. Finch)
 - A. Financials have been delayed and Jeff and Tim are communicating with FCPS in getting back on track to receiving those in a timely manner.
 - B. PPA Funding- We are hearing the blueprint funding has allowed for withholdings for services provided to charter schools. About 25% (\$250,000) of the PPA could be held back, and is mostly here say, as it is associated with bussing, IT services, and we are conversing about what is or is not going to be happening with FCPS.
 - C. Grant funding should be coming back to us, and any expenditures for this fiscal year that have not been presented are not eligible for reimbursement. This will not impact us as our expenditures are already expensed against the PPA with an opportunity to seek reimbursement.
- V. Principals Report (S. Talley)
 - A. Staff Celebrations- Mrs. Baker and Mr. Hannah have been accepted into a national ag in the classroom conference. Mrs. Doney and Mrs. Grossnickle awarded \$1000 for a sewing club.
 - B. Thank you to the PTO for the Japanese Drumming Assembly
 - C. Mr. Enck is now officially in the Director of school management, planning, and logistics and has walked the school today 4/8/24
 - D. Enrollment filled the 2nd grade spot and there are two spots in 1st and 5th.
 - E. Kindergarten welcome planning for a new student signing celebration.
 - F. Staffing- Permission for long term SEIA currently filled by Lili Milleander until taking over for Ms. Taylor. Positions opened for 8th, 4th, and special Education Teacher.
 - G. Green School- Received notification that the review process has started.
 - H. Upcoming Events- will be moving field day to May 29th. April 15th Faculty Meeting, will be welcoming Maggie Hawk who specialized in Dyslexia Simulation. MCAP Testing also starts April 15th.
 - I. Clarke Consulting Group- visited 3/28 and have not received information back as of yet.
- VI. Facilities (A. Yocum)
 - A. Facilities Funding bill did not go into a vote due to the chair pulling the bill at the last minute.
- VII. Lottery (A. Yocum)
 - A. Current Lottery Numbers- Ran very smoothly 324 students were enrolled.

- VIII. BOE Presentation
- A. Lots of positive feedback from the BOE members. They mentioned they consider us the leader in charter schools.
 - B. The decision to add a student per grade was delayed until May due to having budget implications. But had strong favor in amending the charter application to allow for the additional student.
- IX. FCPS Updates (A. Yocum)
- A. With the hold on grant money there are several projects we had planned to tackle this summer including, Greenhouse Water & Electric, removal of computer desk in art room, peeling panels of back wall, carpet installation in portables- set for June, and board agrees to continue with those plans.
 - B. Would be great to wait for clarity on the grant funding situation but also have over \$100,000 in in-active funds. S. Green moved to move forward with the greenhouse project with or without the grant money and start the approval process to get water and electricity to the greenhouse. R. Koontz seconded and the group agreed.
- X. Thurmont Lions Club Education Night May 8th 6:30pm
- A. Giving Donation to SES- Need a representative. S. Wiles, B. Doney, S. Talley will all attend.
- XI. Charter Renewal Application
- A. FCPS is reworking policies for the application process and have extended a seat to current charter school representatives to the meeting. April 15th.
 - B. Submitted letter of intent to Renew application to FCPS.
- XII. PTO Updates (A. Yocum)
- A. Planning for the Snow ball night, Teacher Appreciation week and End of year party. PTO meeting is tomorrow 4/9/24.
- XIII. CYA & Cheer have approached SES to allow use of the field for practices. A. Yocum moved to approve them to use the fields as needed seconded by A. Barber. Motion passed unanimously.
- XIV. R. Koontz moved to adjourn, seconded by S. Green. Motion adjourned 6:41PM.

P.S. After adjournment it was brought to our attention that the door knobs on the portables will need to be replaced to fix a key being broken off in the cheaper version of the fixture. The members in person attendance approved the upgrade for all the portable doors.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelby Green