

Sabillasville Environmental School

Board of Directors Meeting

October 14, 2024 6:00PM

Members in attendance; Shelby Green, Denny Willard, Alisha Yocum, Barb Doney, Joel Fischer

Remote: Jeffery Finch, Ashley Barber, Sadie Wiles, robert Koontz, Robert Black

Parent Attendance: Nicole Cabbage

- I. Alisha called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. There was no public comment.
- II. Agenda was moved for approval from D. Willard, seconded by J. Finch.
- III. D. Willard moved to approve the Minutes, seconded by J. Fischer.
- IV. Financials (J. Finch)
  - A. Update on PPA Funding/ Budget: Mostly dependent on the appeal decision. Currently the yearly budget is a deficit of \$172,055.
  - B. Jeff talked to the bank about a 4 month and an 8 month CD. The board decided to wait until we get an appeal decision.
  - C. Financial report was moved for approval by D. Willard, 2nd by J. Fischer.
  - D. Modular
    1. We can only use two approved vendors through FCPS and only one wanted to submit a quote. If we are able to use, used decking we can save \$12,000 off of the bid. Because of having to use FCPS approved vendors we do not have to find three bids. Running the electric underground is an additional \$5,000. Maryland Alliance Grant will be funding the project. D. Willard moved to move forward with the portable and underground electric. R. Koontz seconded. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- V. Principals Report (S. Talley)
  - A. Enrollment- Most grades are full, 3 grades are short one student, and sixth grade is 8 students short.
  - B. Staffing:Media Update- Still an open position, only one applicant for the county and they have not returned an invitation to interview.
    1. Ashley moved and Joel seconded to post the media specialist position on indeed for 30 days.
  - C. The two SEIA positions posted. One applicant currently that we are trying to set up an interview with. Working with the central office regarding this.
  - D. At the beginning of October, we welcomed Heather Koontz to the food and nutrition team. She is also subbing for Mr. Jason for two hours each day in the custodial role.
  - E. Events-
    1. In the summer it was determined that SES would have award ceremonies for each semester.
    2. Martin Luther King Jr. Award. This year our school staff selected Abby Balsley.
  - F. Security: Waiting for FCPS to pay to replace or upgrade the security system.
- VI. Facilities (A. Yocum)

- A. Greenhouse has some rips in the greenhouse and will need some repair.
  - B. Art Room Renovation, confirming details, ordering materials for the new layout.
- VII. Charter Renewal Application(A.Yocum)
  - A. Was submitted by the deadline. Meeting with Danny Ink today, he mentioned having a waiver the year of the renewal for the yearly review so we are not doing the work twice.
- VIII. Fundraising Ideas
  - A. Considering creating a farm to table event to invite business as sponsors.
- IX. PTO Updates-
  - A. Mountain Fest, great success, made close to \$10,000. And the Youth Ag Group members made over \$900 by selling Mums during mountain fest and made great community connections. We also had a FCPS board member delegate came and also made some connections.
  - B. Fall Family Fun Night Oct 26th.
  - C. Working on the wreath fundraiser for Winter sale.
  - D. New York trip is coming up in December.
  - E. Farm to Table is the theme for October 25th.
- X. S. Green moved and D. Willard seconded to adjourn the open session 6:49PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shelby Green