



PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Sela PCS Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 8, 2022, 6:45 pm

Location: Sela PCS

Attendance:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
Deena Fox	Board member and chair	Present
Aster Allen-Patel	Board member	Absent
Rose Benson	Board member	Absent
Heather Capell Bramble	Board member	Absent
Liz Cohen	Board member	Absent
Rebecca Rubin Damari	Board member	Present
Yair Inspektor	Board member	Present
Bryce Jacobs	Board member	Present
Steve Messner	Board member	Absent
Ashley Stoney	Board member	Absent
Michael Walker	Board member	Present
Andrew Whiting	Board member	Present
Josh Bork	Head of school (non-voting)	Present
Ryan Benjamin	Director of operations (non-voting)	Present

Minutes: Rebecca Rubin Damari

Timekeeper:

Agenda (Attached as Appendix A)

The meeting started at 6:50 pm

Mission moments

As part of a Thanksgiving interview, Deena's son said he's grateful for having a good teacher at Sela.

Josh's daughter came to dinner as an "Israeli prince," speaking Hebrew for a relative.

Bryce's daughter is excited and practicing for the winter lights festival.

Head of School (HOS) report (Full report attached as Appendix B)

Goal 1: Student enrollment and retention

- Current projection to PCSB for next year is 285, subject to change
- EdFest is on 12/10, virtual again this year
- Open House schedule is available to share (from 12/11/22-4/26/23, including two Hebrew playdates and two virtual open houses)
- There was discussion of a special needs student who was placed elsewhere; this student needed a much lower student-teacher ratio and several special services and could not spend the majority of their day in the general education classroom, which students at Sela are expected to do.

Goal 2: School mission and culture

- Sela will be hosting Councilman Robert White for a visit on Tuesday 12/13
- Winter lights festival: Wednesday 12/21—will be video recorded!
- 4th/5th grade middle school fair/info session for parents: 1/25

Goal 3: Staffing retention and development

- SpEd coordinator is taking a position closer to home, starting in January. Working to recruit a replacement, as well as an additional SpEd teacher. Josh will be covering some of the SpEd coordination tasks.
- Mid-year staff survey will go out next week
- DCPS teachers' union negotiated for pay increases and bonuses, which they will receive, and which may increase pay disparities between DCPS and charters

Goal 4: Academic achievement

- NWEA Winter MAP testing will be the week of January 23; plan to look at results at the February board meeting
- PCSB is revising the PMF; unclear what it will measure and how.
- OSSE is going to be releasing all schools' assessment data to the public later this month
- MKS Consulting: providing evaluation and support around reading instruction. They came for a 3-day visit and visited most classrooms. They are working with Katrina to discuss what we are doing well and what we can improve. Katrina is implementing suggestions quickly. MKS is coming back in January to give curriculum feedback and do some PD to address differentiation for high-level and struggling readers.

Goal 5: Finance and facilities

- The Sela team has been meeting weekly with Building Hope and Eagle Bank. Eagle Bank will attend the January board meeting to explain more of the financing information.
- Working with Perkins-Eastman (architect) on floor plans.

Goal 6: Family Engagement

- Giving Tuesday raised over \$4K for playground renovations.
- Mid-year family survey going out next week

Board discussion: Charter renewal prep

We are scheduled to present at the charter board meeting on Monday, 12/19/22. Board members and the school community are all invited to register and attend the meeting. The recommendation will be based mainly on our preliminary 10-year review report.

There was discussion of which elements of Sela's profile and history to focus on in the presentation, as well as discussion of questions we might expect from the PCSB.

No closed session

The meeting ended at 8:15 pm