



Sela PCS Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 12, 2023, 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	Present
Rose Benson	Board member	Absent
Heather Capell Bramble	Board member	Present
Liz Cohen	Board member	Absent
Rebecca Rubin Damari	Board member	Present
Yair Inspektor	Board member	Absent
Bryce Jacobs	Board member	Present
Steve Messner	Board member	Present
Ashley Stoney	Board member	Present
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: Bryce Jacobs

Agenda (Attached as Appendix A)

The meeting started at 6:53 pm

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Bryce moved to ratify the meeting minutes from November. Heather seconded.

In favor: Rebecca, Deena, Andrew, Steve, Aster, Ashley

Opposed: None

Abstained: Michael

Bryce moved to ratify the meeting minutes from December. Andrew seconded.

In favor: Deena, Rebecca, Michael

Opposed: None

Abstained: Aster, Heather, Steve, Ashley

Ratification of Online Votes

Heather moved to ratify the online vote authorizing Josh to go forward with the closing on the purchase of the building (voted 1/5/23). Andrew seconded.

In favor: Deena, Bryce, Rebecca, Heather, Andrew, Steve, Michael, Ashley

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Mission moments

Bryce's daughter loves going to school and was happy the weekend is short so she can go back to school on Monday!

Deena's family hosted a class playdate for her son's class, with great attendance and Hebrew conversation facilitated by an Israeli staff member/parent!

Winter lights festival: beautiful room setup, great attendance, really fun performances!

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

Goal 1: Student enrollment and retention

- Lottery open through the end of March. 72 applications so far (32 at this time last year), with 29 listing Sela in the top 3.
- 3 open houses so far, several more to come
- School staff are communicating weekly with everyone who has shown interest in Sela.

Goal 2: School mission and culture

- Winter lights festival: Wednesday 12/21—was a hit!
- 4th/5th grade middle school fair/info session for parents: 1/25
- Alumni Hebrew classes have been better attended recently
- Some Sela alumni have expressed interest in coming to speak to Sela students about the middle school experience
- Sela Diversity Day: Friday, Jan 20th. The external relations committee will send an email announcement to invite former board members and other Sela friends and stakeholders.
- All board members are invited to visit the school either during school hours or for a special event! Deena will circulate a sign-up sheet.

Goal 3: Staffing retention and development

- New SpEd coordinator beginning 2/6. Josh is filling in until then. A 3rd SpEd teacher began today.

- A new literacy interventionist begins on 1/17.
- Mid-year staff survey closes on Friday. Initial feedback looks positive.
- Deena will get in touch with Rose for an update on the staff scholarship program.

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
- MKS Consulting provided “data informed practice” PD to faculty to help them norm on data practices

Goal 5: Finance and facilities

- Sela is the proud owner of our building!
- Meetings coming up with project managers and architects to begin planning for renovations in summer 2024
- FundED will give a presentation to the external relations committee in February.
- Sela has raised \$41K so far this school year.

Goal 6: Family Engagement

- Giving Tuesday raised over \$4K for playground renovations.
- Mid-year family survey is open.

Board recruitment

Two parents have submitted applications; a third has expressed interest but has not applied yet. The governance team is reviewing the applications and starting interviews. More applicants are welcome—all board members should reach out to their networks.

Publicity and fundraising

Ashley is going to write a one-pager to announce all the big news this year: bought the building, Blue Ribbon School, 10 year anniversary. The external relations committee will work with Josh and Deena on a plan for dissemination.

Andrew moved to go to closed session. Heather seconded.
 In favor: Deena, Bryce, Rebecca, Steve, Michael, Ashley, Aster
 Opposed: none
 Abstained: none

Closed session began at 8:17 pm