



**Sela PCS Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: November 9, 2023, 6:45 pm

Location: Zoom meeting

**Attendance:**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
Deena Fox	Board member and chair	Present
Aster Allen-Patel	Board member	Absent
Alen Amini	Board member	Present
K.J. Bagchi	Board member	Present
Rose Benson	Board member	Absent
Heather Capell Bramble	Board member	Present
Chelley Coley	Board member	Present
Rebecca Rubin Damari	Board member	Present
Yair Inspektor	Board member	Present
Bryce Jacobs	Board member	Present
Steve Messner	Board member	Present
Justin Rubin	Board member	Present
Michael Walker	Board member	Present
Josh Bork	Head of school (non-voting)	Present
Ryan Benjamin	Director of operations (non-voting)	Present
Imani Sewell	Development and Comms Mgr. (non-voting)	Present
Karen Gioconda	Perkins Eastman	Present
Mason Osborn	JLL	Present

**Minutes:** Rebecca Damari

**Timekeeper:** K.J. Bagchi

**Agenda** (Attached as Appendix A)

The meeting started at 6:48 pm

**Mission moments**

Sela students will participate in the first History Plunge tournament, coached by Mr. Hall.

There was a Sela welcome breakfast this morning, and guests were blown away by the warm community feeling in the school, and the diversity of the school.

Next week: first edition of student newspaper, the *Sela Sentinel*

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

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

In favor: Justin, K.J., Rebecca, Chelly, Deena

Opposed: None

Abstained: Steve, Yair, Michael, Alen

### **Ratification of vote**

Steve moved to ratify the online vote in October to offer a board position to Alen Amini. Michael seconded.

In favor: Justin, K.J., Rebecca, Yair, Bryce, Chelly, Heather, Deena

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

### **Facilities improvement update**

The board received an update on planned improvements to the facility from representatives of JLL and Perkins Eastman.

The plan is to make facilities improvements next summer while school is out. Currently working with a contractor to price out the renovations.

There was discussion of timelines and contingency plans, and of making renderings available to share with potential funders. The contractor will provide “alternates”—costs for different ways of doing things (e.g. more light, different security)—that we can present to potential funders.

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

Return to an in-person EdFest—great recruitment tool for PreK3

Planning another 5<sup>th</sup> grade middle school transition night—an info session for 5<sup>th</sup> grade families

A group of parents is looking into the middle school question (possible feeder school agreement) and learning about charter school advocacy. The board discussed a draft letter from the board and head of school advocating for feeder patterns, and possible next steps for advocacy.

## **Data dashboard update**

The board reviewed metrics to be included in an ongoing data dashboard and discussed the data sources and frequency of reporting.

Alen moved to go to closed session to discuss personnel matters.<sup>1</sup> Yair seconded.

In favor: Steve, Bryce, Heather, Rebecca, Chelly, K.J., Michael, Justin, Deena

Opposed: none

Abstained: none

**Closed session began at 8:30 pm**

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<sup>1</sup> The reason for closed session was to discuss topics covered under section 2-575(b)(10) of the Open Meetings Act (“To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, performance evaluation, compensation, discipline, demotion, removal, or resignation of government appointees, employees, or officials, or of public charter school personnel, where the public body is the board of trustees of a public charter school”).