



Sela PCS Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 11, 2024, 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
Alen Amini	Board member	Present
K.J. Bagchi	Board member	Present
Rose Benson	Board member	Present
Heather Capell Bramble	Board member	Present
Chelley Coley	Board member	Absent
Rebecca Rubin Damari	Board member	Present
Yair Inspektor	Board member	Absent
Bryce Jacobs	Board member	Present
Steve Messner	Board member	Absent
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
Katrina Hilliard	Director of elementary	Present

Minutes: Rebecca Damari

Timekeeper: Justin Rubin

Agenda (Attached as Appendix A)

The meeting started at 6:55 pm

Mission moments

Third grade students had a project to apply for jobs in the classroom, interviewing and receiving offer letters. It was a good learning experience and the students enjoyed it!

Fifth grade students took a field trip to the post office for a project involving sending letters to schools all over the country.

Josh had the opportunity to attend a Ward 4 meeting with the Deputy Mayor of Education and was able to raise the issue of revising feeder patterns. The DME mentioned favorably his visit to Sela last year.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Bryce moved to ratify the meeting minutes from March. Deena seconded.

In favor: Alen, Rose, Justin, Michael, Heather, K.J.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Head of School (HOS) report highlights and discussion

Israel Day will be on Thursday, May 23. Board members are welcome to come in the morning.

Completed hiring of 3 new Hebrew teachers to replace 3 exiting Arbel fellows.

End of Year testing will be in May.

Budget is in its 3rd iteration, to be reviewed by the Finance committee

A data dashboard is nearly ready to share with the board.

Renovations Budget

Josh updated the board on changes in the budget for renovations due to increases in costs of materials and labor. School leadership and board treasurer recommend going forward with the originally planned scope of the project, even with the increased cost, and Josh explained how he expects the costs to be covered.

Justin moved to vote to approve proceeding with the original plan. Heather seconded.

In favor: Deena, Alen, Aster, K.J., Rose, Michael, Bryce, Rebecca

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Enrollment Updates

Matches and wait lists for every grade are healthy. In every grade we're ahead of budgeted projections. The board discussed projections and class numbers for next year.

Staff Scholarship 2024

We have \$5000 assigned to the staff PD scholarship program. An application has not yet been released. Rose will lead the effort to release an application and coordinate a panel of reviewers.

Board Composition

Four people will be cycling off the board this summer, and several board members have expressed an interest in changing roles. We've received a few candidates for new members.

Strategic Planning

Teams are in place for each strategic planning area. Justin will send out the team lists for everyone to review, and then we will identify captains for each team. The board would like to review proposals by mid-May so we can reach agreement in June.

Ratification of online vote

Justin moved to ratify the electronic vote on the HOS contract. Alen seconded.

In favor: Heather, Deena, Aster, K.J., Rose, Michael, Bryce, Rebecca

Opposed: none

Abstained: none

The meeting ended at 8:09 pm