



**Foundation Board –Regular Meeting**  
**SJS School, 430 SW Monroe, Sheridan, OR**  
**Monday February 11, 2019 – 6:30 PM**

*Meeting Minutes*

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call – 6:40 pm**

In attendance: Dick Paay, Gay Hall-Pentecost, Jen Schulze, Elaine Burke, Beth Martin. Charles Broadwell joined by phone.

Guest: Stacey Waddell, Moose Edwards, Stephanie Jensen

Stacey gave a presentation about the Beyond Differences elective. This is an actual club program that she has adapted to an elective. It is trying to end social isolation and bullying. Moose is one of the leaders in the student-led class. They do a “no one eats alone” lunch for the school annually, and do fundraising for that. They also came up with idea of getting into the Alien Days parade. They came up with friendship arigatos, so students could nominate other students in school for doing something nice. The focus is on positivity and incorporation of the new students so they are not isolating themselves. The school does have some of the mean girl mentality and drama, and Beyond Differences is trying to shift that a bit. The students in Beyond Differences may be the people the students might be more comfortable going to with bullying issues.

Jen said that Moose does a really good job modeling for all students how to be inclusive. Moose is also leading an elective, wool crafts. Moose feels that things are getting better in terms of interactions.

Beyond Differences began small, but over the years has grown and done more. Around the building are a number of suicide prevention posters they have put up.

At the beginning of the year the elective was open to anyone. Then the group decided that they needed to interview the participants to make sure they have the same goals. They have also started a Karaoke club which is an off-shoot of the Daring Greatly club.

Stacey and Moose departed at 6:52 pm.

*Elaine moves to approve the agenda as presented, Beth seconds. Motion carried unanimously.*

**II. Approve Minutes**

*Beth moves to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 14, 2019, Elaine seconds. Motion carried unanimously.*

**III. Treasurer Report**

The January financials were received in time for this meeting. Dick will do a quarterly review of all expenditures over \$4,000 for the March meeting. He reviewed the bank account activity at all three accounts.

Cash in the bank is higher now than last year at this time, but there is more deferred revenue from state school funds and there is also Japan Trip money which is in the bank, but is in deferred revenue until the

related expense happens.

Looking at expenses, the accounting line item is \$90 over, which is the IRS 990 filing fee. Dick is keeping an eye on a few line items such as Building Repairs, Office Supplies, and Utilities. Generally speaking the budget is very much front loaded so we're significantly over budget now but spending decreases as we continue into the year.

#### **IV. School Business**

##### **A. School Report**

Enrollment is stable at 88, and 9 students have left since the year started. Jen notes that she was asked to work on three things when she came on board: Behavior, Rigor, and Fundraising. Last year the focus was on behavior because you can't teach kids if you can't manage kids. That seemed like a lot of work last year, but has been nothing compared to Rigor this year. If kids believe they are not smart it's a harder thing to overcome. Four students left because the rigor was too hard.

Math is a priority. Balthaser is working really hard and asking a lot of questions and revisiting the lessons. In pre-algebra, at the end of the first half of the semester, everyone failed the final, and most of them left lots of it blank. Pre-algebra has been re-vamped, and they have 3 days of class a week and 2 math study skills electives, because she has to cover the first half of the year again and get to the second half of the year. Jen presented a new math trajectory. The Star testing gives each student exactly where their holes are, and how far back they go. Teacher takes that data and goes into Kahn Academy and loads lessons specific for each student's hole. The most recent Star assessments are showing that more of our High School students are looking to be on track to pass the state assessments in 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

Jen is interviewing all the students who had F's at the end of the semester. Questions include: Are you taking notes, redoing those notes, do you have a planner, are you using a planner, do you meet with your teacher? Do you ask questions? How much daily screen time do you have?

One student left to go to OYCP (Oregon Youth Challenge Program), now two other students are thinking of going to that. They can get lots of credits but the credits may not transfer to SJS and give them an SJS diploma. The OYCP program sent a form asking if the student will be allowed to re-enroll at SJS upon return. Jen had already communicated with the parents that they would have to re-apply and go through the lottery, with no guarantee that there would be room in the high school. She will send a letter to OYCP explaining the lottery requirements.

Jen is starting accreditation process for next year. She has asked for October 1 and 2 on-site review dates. She has been contacted about being on the accreditation team for Eddyville Charter school on March 4 and 5 2019, which will give her insight into the process.

Jen presented materials about school's sex education program. They are using an abstinence based program, which is the only 100% fool proof way to avoid STD's and pregnancy. The program also addresses other ways of preventing STD's and pregnancy. Only one parent has opted out so far. This is a Canadian program.

#### **V. Foundation Business**

##### **A. Old Business**

###### **a. Intercom System**

The Online NW proposal has new kinds of routers. Information on our current WiFi usage was

provided by Matt at Online NW and sent on to Scott Burke and Keith Martin for discussion.

b. Budget Review

The current year budget is not in a hole on any of the line items.

The board looked at the list of priority spending items developed at the last meeting and discussed which items might be most crucial or beneficial.

The PE requirements for next year will require a licensed PE teacher. The board discussed how to fund this, and if funds were made available through donation for next year, how would it be sustained in future years.

c. Finance & Governance Policy Review

Tabled to March meeting.

d. PACE Agreement

The board reviewed the PACE agreement.

*Elaine moves to sign the PACE agreement as presented, Beth seconds. Motion carried unanimously.*

e. PE Teacher Requirements

Tabled to March Meeting.

B. New Business

a. New Board Member Application

The board reviewed the application from Stephanie Jensen and the pre-screening review done by the office.

*Beth moves to approve adding Stephanie Jensen to the SJSF Board in the next open position, Elaine seconds. Motion carried unanimously.*

**VI. Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(a)**

The board went into Executive session at 9:04 pm.

The board returned from Executive session at 9:30 pm.

**VII. Regular Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 pm**

Next Meeting: Monday, March 18, 2019 at 6:30 pm