**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**April 1st, 2015 5:00-8:00 PM Syringa Mountain School**

1. A Board Meeting of the Syringa Mountain School Board was held on March 18th, 2015. Board Chair Greg Bloomfield presided. The following members were in attendance:

Greg Bloomfield, Board Chair, by telephone

Phoebe Pilaro, Vice Chair

Ben Rogers, Board Treasurer

Bobbi Filbert, Parent Council Chair

Paul Bates, Board Member

Also in attendance:

Director, Dr. Mary Gervase

Pedagogical/Curriculum Director, Mende Coblentz

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM.
2. No Public Comment.
3. Paul Bates made a motion to modify the present agenda with the addition of items d, e and f below. Bobbi Filbert seconded the motion and motion passes unanimously.
4. Old Business
   1. HoeDown Event Donations still being collected with minimal still outstanding.
   2. Committee Reports: Development Committee investigated “Idaho Gives,” a statewide one day initiative to support Idaho non-profits. County specific initiative, May 7th . This could be our school’s year end giving push including it in our newsletter, and on our website and Facebook accounts, asking for 100% participation would be the goal and providing a link that our families could share with five friends.
5. New Business
   1. Set Annual Budget Hearing Date May 20, 2015-needs to be published in prescribed form 10 working days prior to hearing (May 6). Bobbi Filbert made a motion to set the annual Budget hearing date as May 20th. Ben Rogers seconded the motion and motion passes unanimously.
   2. 2015-16 SMS School Calendar Draft discussed. The calendar is aligned with Blaine County School District except for a full week for Thanksgiving and an additional week for Spring Break.
   3. Bobbi Filbert made a motion to add a third board meeting this month specifically as a discussion work session. April 15th is the next board meeting but this is also the next Parent Education evening. May 22 will be set as the Budget Work Session date. Paul Bates seconded the motion and motion passes unanimously.
   4. Testing Opt Out Petition and state guidance. This has been discussed at two of our Parent Education meetings. We expect 95% participation. We will test students in small groups so that even if families opt out of the state testing, they are expected to still have their child attend school. We expect 95% attendance as well as 95% test participation..
   5. Discussion with Kate Woods: Greg Bloomfield shared the highlights from a discussion he had with Kate Woods regarding her interest in having likeminded organizations lease her TMS property. Conditional use permit would restrict the property be used for anything beyond its present and past uses. She is interested in supporting a permaculture legacy farm continuing at TMS site but used by the community. She suggested applying for grants, or several non-profits leasing the property. Estimate the cost of $50,000 to run the property annually including the cost of the caretaker, John DeLorenzo. Discussion of the effects use of a farm could have on our attendance and future after school and summer offerings.
   6. Fourth Grade Noise Level: Unresolved at this time and it is an issues building wide.
   7. Enrollment events-The Board discussed a variety of possible enrollment events. They suggested a screening of the film. “Most Likely to Succeed.” One public talk just on middle school and possibly held in two locations-Ketchum and at the Community Campus. Dr. Goral could be considered as a speaker when she is here in June. The school directors will report back to the Board with their strategies.
   8. Ben Rogers made a motion to go into executive session as authorized by Idaho Code 67-2345b for personnel issues or other identified legitimate reasons as identified by Open Meeting Law. Roll call vote was taken. Bobbi Filbert-Yes, Ben Rogers-Yes, Paul Phoebe-Yes, Greg Bloomfield. Paul Bates-Yes. The executive session ended at 7:05 PM.
   9. Bobbi Filbert made a motion to approve the staffing recommendations for the 2015-16 school year as presented by the Directors. Paul Bates seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.
6. Next board meeting date: April 15th, 2015 beginning at 5:00 PM
7. Paul Bates made a motion to adjourn the April 1st board meeting. Bobbi Filbert seconded the motion and motion passes unanimously.
8. Adjournment of April 1st , 2015 Board Meeting at 7:15 PM.