



Sela PCS Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 14, 2021, 6:45 pm

Location: Sela School Building

Attendance:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
Deena Fox	Board member and chair	Present
Aster Allen-Patel	Board member	Present
Lisa Apple	Board member	Present
Rose Benson	Board member	Absent
Heather Capell Bramble	Board member	Present
Liz Cohen	Board member	Present
Ki'ara Cross	Board member	Present
Rebecca Rubin Damari	Board member	Present
Yair Inspektor	Board member	Present
Bryce Jacobs	Board member	Present
Steve Messner	Board member	Present
Smruti Radkar	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 Damari

Timekeeper: Heather Capell Bramble

Agenda (Attached as Appendix A)

The meeting started at 6:52 pm

Mission Moments

The school is COVID negative for the week!

Book fair has started, goes through next Friday.

Head of School (HOS) report (Attached as Appendix B)

Goal 1: Student enrollment and retention

- SY21–22 enrollment projection to PCSB: 260. Our count day enrollment is 263. PK3 is substantially higher than projected enrollment, which will help our budget.
- Waiting for date of enrollment audit to confirm numbers and demographics

Goal 2: School mission and culture

- Great turnout for Math Night; students took home resources to use for the event. Same plan for Hebrew night.

Goal 3: Staffing retention and development

- Have replaced two Hebrew teachers, who left for other opportunities, with existing resources, at least temporarily.
- Vaccine mandate in place for all existing and new hires. All extended learning staff are vaccinated.

Goal 4: Academic achievement

- Fall MAP testing is complete; Hebrew OPI is underway (3rd-5th).
- Elementary school teachers met last week to discuss the differences in expectations of students and teachers this year.
- This year not only academic recovery but social emotional recovery are priorities.

Goal 5: Finance and facilities

- Recently held a visioning session with Perkins-Eastman (architectural firm) and school stakeholders to discuss building renovation plans and cost estimates. Simultaneously looking at options to buy another property, which currently look beyond our budget.

Goal 6: Family engagement

- Good turnout for Math night (9/29), Book fair (today through 10/22), Hebrew night coming 11/10.
- Good turnout at the first PTSA meeting of the year
- Room parents designated for every class; generally seems to be going well.

Vaccinations for 5-11 year olds

Scheduling a pediatrician to come to the next PTSA meeting to discuss pediatric vaccination. Laying groundwork to host on-site vaccinations for the school community.

Once vaccination for students begins, we can start discussing possible changes to the Health and Safety Plans.

OSSE is offering a grant to cover the costs of testing

Qualitative Site Review (QSR) and 10-year review

Sela has begun its 10 year review process with PCSB.

QSR: a mostly school culture-focused assessment. Scheduled for January-February

Prep has begun on the leadership team; staff prep will begin in November

The 10 year review is an opportunity to revisit and potentially revise the goals of the school (discussion will begin in spring 2022)

External relations committee discussion

Looking for volunteers for a fundraising committee comprised of board members, families, and staff. Two spots are available for non-external relations committee board members, in addition to the two spots occupied by external relations committee members. Please let Heather and Ashley know by October 22.

The committee proposes a board fundraising goal of \$33,000 for this year. Heather moved to establish the goal. Ashley seconded.

All present voted in favor, except for Lisa, who abstained, and Liz, who was no longer present at the meeting.

Ratification of electronic votes regarding board membership

Andrew moved to ratify the votes. Smruti seconded.

All present voted in favor of ratification, except Ashley, who abstained, and Liz, who was no longer present at the meeting.

The meeting ended at 8:22 pm.