



Sela PCS Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 9, 2022, 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
Lisa Apple	Board member	Present
Rose Benson	Board member	Absent
Heather Capell Bramble	Board member	Absent
Liz Cohen	Board member	Present
Ki'ara Cross	Board member	Absent
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
Geoff Brown	EdOps (non-voting)	Present
Heidi Sahmel	EdOps (non-voting)	Present

Minutes: Rebecca Damari

Timekeeper: Lisa Apple

Agenda (Attached as Appendix A)

The meeting started at 6:57 pm

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Steve moved to ratify the meeting minutes from May. Bryce seconded.

In favor: Rebecca, Lisa, Smruti, Liz, Yair, Ashley, Deena

None opposed.

Abstained: Michael

Mission Moments

Kindergarten class gave a performance of Hebrew and English songs today, with strong attendance by family members. We are expecting similar events for some other classes in the coming days.

Bryce heard a report of a former Sela family that moved to Maryland and had only positive and fond things to say about Sela, and disappointment in leaving.

The board said goodbye to member Lisa Apple, who is resigning from the board following the meeting. Member Ki'ara Cross is also resigning but was not in attendance.

Budget presentation

Geoff Brown from EdOps presented an overview of Sela's proposed SY22-23 budget.

The budget must be submitted to PCSB by July 20, but we are aiming to submit by the end of June. This is the first year PCSB is asking for a two-year budget, with the second year able to be revised at a later date.

Budget process includes using historical data and inputs about enrollment, staffing, and programmatic changes.

The budget is balanced, with net income of +\$61K. Changes from last year are driven by an increase in enrollment and higher per pupil funding on the one hand and increased salaries on the other hand.

Planning for 274 students, but includes a contingency equivalent to 5 students to provide a buffer. To be conservative, the current budget model does not include Title I funding, because we're typically on the borderline of qualifying for Title I funding.

Steve moved to approve the budget as presented. Yair seconded.

In favor: Lisa, Bryce, Michael, Rebecca, Liz, Smruti, Andrew, Deena

None opposed

Abstained: Ashley

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

Goal 1: Student enrollment and retention

- Currently have 280 fully enrolled students for next year (projected: 274)
- We are above expected enrollment for PK4, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd; a bit below for K, 4th and 5th.

Goal 2: School mission and culture

- Not continuing Shinshinim program next year due to significantly increased cost and difficulty finding hosts for Shinshinim we've had so far.
- Shinshinim and teachers led a field trip to Rock Creek Park for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, including a Hebrew scavenger hunt.
- Staff reviewed the report from the Qualitative Site Review
- 5th graders going to Sojourner Truth Middle School, Washington Latin, Cesar Chavez, Friendship, Center City next year
- We hosted a middle school night for 4th and 5th grade families, with representatives of 3 middle schools

Goal 3: Staffing retention and development

- All leadership intend to return next year
- 3 or 4 teachers are starting the master's program at Middlebury
- 4 open positions for next year—interviewing process is underway now

Goal 4: Academic achievement

- PARCC and DC Science testing are complete
- MAP make-ups should be done by Tuesday 6/14
- PCSB noted no red flags for the 10-year review

Board discussion: 10-year review

SY22-23 will be Sela's 10th year and we will be reviewed by PCSB

Review areas:

- Academic goals
- SPED compliance
- School finances
- Procurement submissions

All data has already been provided to PCSB

End result will be either Approval or Approval with Conditions

Our review will take place at the virtual PCSB meeting on 10/7. We will receive data from PCSB by September 6 for us to review for accuracy. 30 days prior to the meeting there will be a public comment period.

Facilities update

As a tenant, you run the risk of losing your space once the lease is up; the facilities committee recommends purchasing the building.

The facilities committee spoke to attorneys at Holland and Knight about support with the building purchase/financing.

Spoke to two financial services firms about helping us to facilitate financing for purchase/renovation: EdOps and Jones Lang (JLL); the committee prefers JLL.

The committee will also contact Sela's pro bono firm (Mintz) to see if they can help with the purchase.

OSSE provides direct loans up to \$2M, and credit enhancement

The committee will present choices to the board for vote.

Vote to move to closed session

Yair moved to end the open session of the meeting and move to closed session.

Andrew seconded.

In favor: Lisa, Rebecca, Bryce, Steve, Michael, Ashley, Deena

None opposed.

No abstentions.

The meeting moved to closed session at 8:37 pm.