



Sisu Environmental School Board Meeting Agenda
October 13, 2021, 7:00 pm virtual meeting

Attendees: Beth Odegard, Kate Maki, Kendra Hunding, Courtney Cox

Visitors: None

All visitors will be given a chance to speak if they wish. Speaking time will be limited to two minutes.

1. Call meeting to order: 7:08 pm

Reading of Mission: "Delivering a bold education in the renowned Finnish style, empowering each child on their own unique educational journey to become competent, creative, and joyful learners."

1. Check-in (5) This weekend, what do you think you'd be most excited to share with a prospective family about Sisu Environmental School?

Odegard - Environmental Education

Maki - Whole child approach

Cox - Sisu experience as a whole

Hunding - Child centric approach

Meeting Outcomes (what we'd like to get done tonight):

- ★ Governance Committee update
- ★ Marketing Committee update
- ★ Decide on temporary board officer roles
- ★ Update bylaws
- ★ Decide on a bank for the school's business
- ★ Figure out what's next on our board calendar
- ★ Make a plan for getting board docs on the website
- ★ Make sure we're ready to go for this weekend's event

Approval of the Consent Agenda: Motion to approve by Maki; seconded by Odegard; motion carried unanimously.

2. Consent agenda - (2)

- a. Approval of agenda
- b. Approval of last meeting's minutes

Move to Committee updates: Motion to approve by Maki; seconded by Odegard; motion carried unanimously.

3. Committee updates - (10)

Governance: Kendra

Reviewed the agenda. Discussed the upcoming plans for communications with New Nordic and opening the bank account.

Marketing: Beth

Tabled most of the meeting ideas. Reminder event is at Hamlet this Saturday from 1-4 for leaf art and education about Sisu. The upcoming Chipotle fundraiser. The next meeting is tomorrow.

Move to Discussion items: Motion to approve by Maki; seconded by Odegard; motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion items: - (30)

Board Roles/Officers

(Hunding) We need treasurer (Kate), secretary (Courtney), chair (Kendra).

Provides education about the positions.

Motion to approve by Kate as Treasurer, Courtney as Secretary, Kendra as Hunding; Motioned by Maki, seconded by Cox; motion carried unanimously.

Bylaw updates

(Hunding) We had to send the Bylaws to the MDE, with the articles of incorporation. They were returned with needed changes. Maki will make needed changes, and we will discuss the changes on October 27 after discussion about the time frame needed for the bank account.

Motion to charge Maki with the updates needed to the bylaws that the MDE requires by October 27 special meeting; Cox motioned, seconded by Odegard; motion carried unanimously.

Bank account

Motion to accept Old National Bank recommendation by the governance committee by motioned by Cox, seconded by Maki;

Discussion about the suggestion made by the Governance Committee. Location of branches, sporadic around the twin city.

Motion carried unanimously.

Will open the bank account once we receive the LEA number from the state.

CSP grant update

We hear back, unsure, but it is a while from now. (January or December) The grant due date was October 13. It was emailed to MDE at 3:15pm. The money is reimbursement, not money deposited into your account. You have to fill out the request for items after purchase. Marketing expenses are not reimbursable. Lease aid is separate, that is based on your enrollment. We will learn more about that later. If you don't get the money this grant round, you can apply again the next time, in the spring. That is what we will do if we have to.

Finalize Fall Event prep

Beth has leaves, table clothes, construction paper, pens, eye balls, and glue. Kendra and Courtney are bringing more. Kendra is bringing cardboard and blue painters tape, postcards, stickers, clipboards, and display items to put information in. Courtney has the business cards and ipad. Kate will bring the sign up sheet. Meet at 12:30 to get a table and set up. Name, phone number, email, age of prospective student on the sign up sheet.

Motion to move to board development; Cox motioned, seconded by Odegard; motion carried unanimously.

5. Board development (20)

- a. Required training check-in - everyone upload your certificate of completion to the shared folder on the Sisu google drive
- b. Board Calendar check-in - Kate will find out about the 990 and work with Jim to complete it.
- c. Board tab on the website - need to start posting approved board minutes, refer to the charter school compliance checklist for guidance of all items that need to be on the website. Courtney will work on this.

Next meeting will be November 17, 2021, at 7 pm.

Motion to end the meeting; Cox motioned, seconded by Odegard; motion carried unanimously.

Ended meeting at 8:07 PM

Attachments:

September meeting minutes
Sisu Board Calendar
Updated bylaws
Website compliance checklist