



Sisu Environmental School Board meeting January 1, 2022, 10:00 am

Call Meeting to Order: 10:10 AM

Attendees: Kendra Hunding, Kate Maki, Courtney Cox

Visitors: Jim Luker

Introductions

- Jim is a certified accountant
- Hunding and Jim met working on another non-profit board
- Considering joining the board
- Has helped with financial advice/consultations in a non-formal manner with 990 Form, etc.

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

Reading of the Mission: Kate

Delivering a bold education, in the renowned Finnish style to empower each child on their own unique educational journey to become competent, creative and joyful learners.

Reading of the Vision: Kendra

- **Empower children to become creative, adaptable, and collaborative problem solvers.**
- **Unleash a child's creativity and enthusiasm for learning both at school and home.**
- **Foster environmental literacy in our students and staff**
- **Be equitable and fair for all children.**

Check in (5 minutes) - Think about the Sisu Environmental School future home. What are 3 "Must haves" and 3 "Nice to haves" in order for the school to fulfill its Mission and realize its Vision.

| | Must have | Nice to have |
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| Beth | N/A during this meeting | N/A during this meeting |
| Courtney | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - safe/secure location -“feels like a school building” not attached to other random budings -outdoor/green space of some sort: not inside a concrete jungle of parking lots and buildings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -own entrance with nice sign that shows who we are -plentiful outdoor space for adventures/learning -nice big indoor space for inclement weather |
| Kate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -independent location (not shared) -green space -only school like us within the physical location | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -convenient location for people to get in and out of (buses too) -exposure: building isn't hidden behind a bunch of other buildings and that people could see driving by -modern systems in the building: wifi, cameras, etc. |
| Kendra | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -green/wild space (flexible but SOMETHING) -safe/secure -good windows/indoor of building needs natural light | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -swanky building and grounds (aesthetically pleasing) -partnership opportunities with who we are renting from or close by businesses/community to help with growth and being a part of that community -stand-alone building with our own entrance |

- Price Range:
- Square Footage:
- What does the “green space” mean or what can it look like?

Meeting Objectives:

- Facilities update
- Approve Kate as “stand-in” for Beth on the Facilities Task Force if she needs time off for baby
- Approve a plan to secure the facility for Sisu Environmental School

Discussion (15-20 minutes)

a. New information

- Hunding reached out to Laurie at IQS for assistance and she put in touch with Kuvang? (sp?)
- They have a lot of experience working in realty related to charter schools and stated that our current realtor doesn't' seem to have a lot of experience working with charter schools
- Dissolvment of contract with current commercial realtor
 - As long as she agrees to dissolve the contract we should be able to do so
 - Plenty of grounds to terminate this contract based off not fulfilling her end of the agreement
 - Another realtor in communication as well that comes on recommendation from IQS (authorizer)
 - Seems that current Maplewood building is off the table and from advice of experts that this building is zoned for medical and doesn't seem like we would be able to get in to that building

b. Planning for Beth’s possible leave

- Approve Maki as Odegard’s stand-in due to leave for baby
- Cox motions to approve Maki as stand-in on Facilities Task Force
- Maki seconds
- No discussion
- Motion carries unanimously
- Cox is not officially on task force but is willing to visit buildings and discuss when able

c. Facilities Proposal

- Cox makes motion to approve “Facilities Proposal Document”
 - Maki seconds
 - No discussion
 - Motion carries unanimously
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- Any contracts that may come up have to come to board for approval and “emergency” board meetings will likely need to happen. Board needs to be prepared for extra meetings on the calendar to meet this proposal to continue with Fall 2022 opening process.

Proposed next “Special meeting Wednesday January 5th @7pm

Cox will look into upgraded Zoom meeting

Maki makes motion to adjourn

Hunding seconds

Adjourn meeting at 10:55 AM.

Attachments:

Realtor contract

Facilities Proposal