APPROVED

Seaside School, Inc

Minutes

September Student Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday September 13, 2023 at 4:00 PM

Location
Seaside Neighborhood School, Upstairs- 3rd Building
10 Smolian Circle
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

Founded in 1996
Serving Students in Grades 5 - 12

We seek to sustain an educational community where an emphasis on academic excellence is complemented by our concern for each learner's personal growth and intellectual, aesthetic, and psychological development. The curriculum is developmentally responsive – actively engaging students in learning skills in context, integrative – directing students to connect learning to daily lives, and exploratory – enabling students to discover their abilities, interests, learning styles, and ways that they can make contributions to society.

Information on procedures for public comment can be found at https://www.seasideschools.net/domain/35.

If anyone needs special assistance to participate in the public input session, every effort will be made to provide an appropriate accommodation. When requesting accommodations for public input, please allow no less than 1 business day notice prior to the scheduled meeting.

Specific issues about a particular student should only be addressed to the school's Director of Student Services, rather than the Board of Directors.

All public comments will be taken under advisement by the Board, but will not elicit a written or spoken response. The names of persons providing public comment and a brief summary of topics or input will be included in the meeting minutes published. A response will be provided to the stakeholder within seven (7) days.

Committee Members Present
A. Winicki, G. Latour, J. O'Donoghue, M. Uhlfelder, T. Miller

Committee Members Absent
None

Guests Present
K. Mixson

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. O'Donoghue called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee Committee of Seaside School, Inc to order on Wednesday Sep 13, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

M. Uhlfelder made a motion to approve the minutes from August Student Excellence Committee Meeting on 08-09-23.
J. O'Donoghue seconded the motion.
Correction made: It was noted that two Student Excellence Committee Members were being incorrectly accounted for at the August meeting, as they were listed as "Guests" and not voting members.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Student Excellence

A. Digital Resource Review

J. O'Donoghue made a motion to approve the Digital Resources proposed by Seaside School, Inc. for instructional use on the Middle School Campus.
G. Latour seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. 2022-2023 School Data

Mrs. Mixson provided information regarding the completion of Seaside Writes in preparation for the BEST Writing Assessment in 2024. She also mentioned information regarding ongoing PLC meetings happening to support the transition from 8th to 9th grade through co-planning efforts by all teachers. Mrs. Mixson did remind all attendees of the full Tutoring Schedule that is built out for the Middle School and High School Campus to improve student performance.

C. Student Excellence Committee Goal Setting

A productive discussion was held to generate goals for the Student Excellence Committee to achieve in order to best support Seaside School, Inc. Through collaboration with the school administration, teacher representatives, and parent attendees, three goals were established. See attached Student Excellence Committee Goals linked document for a list of goals and tasks to accomplish throughout the school year in pursuit of achieving each goal. Goals were written to support faculty and staff, family engagement, and student success on both campuses.

III. Events and Volunteer Needs

A. Sponsor a Teacher

Mrs. Mixson shared that 100% of teachers on both sites were "adopted" and would receive additional classroom funding.

B. Open House

Discussion was held around the changes to the Seaside Campus Open House for the Fall 2023 event, including the addition of a Big House Meeting to include families, Kona Ice, performances by students, and an opportunity for families to become more involved with school happenings. The changes were welcomed and received positive feedback from those in attendance.

C. Seaside Spirit/Give Back Night

The 1st Seaside Spirit Night at 3 Son's BBQ was viewed as a positive and lucrative event for both parties. Additional Spirit Nights will be scheduled for each month. J. O'Donoghue encouraged committee members to reach out to local connections for additional Spirit Night options.

D. Seacoast Collegiate High School Expansion

The date for the Ground Breaking Ceremony was set for October 2nd at the Seacoast Campus. Mrs. Mixson invited all committee members and reminded attendees of the enormous undertaking we are embarking on as we kick off the build.

E.

Walton Education Foundation Grant Opportunity

Teachers were reminded to complete grant applications for the Walton County Foundation Grant program. Mrs. Mixson shared that several teachers have already begun the process.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. O'Donoghue