



Seaside School, Inc

Minutes

October Student Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday October 11, 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 (remote), J. O'Donoghue, K. Mixson, M. Uhlfelder (remote)

Committee Members Absent

T. Miller

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. O'Donoghue called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Seaside School, Inc to order on Wednesday Oct 11, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

C. Approve September Minutes

J. O'Donoghue made a motion to approve the minutes from September Student Excellence Committee Meeting on 09-13-23.

G. Latour seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Seaside Schools, Inc. Administration Updates

A. Print Resource Review

J. O'Donoghue made a motion to approve the current Print Resources list provided by Seaside School, Inc.

G. Latour seconded the motion.

[Seaside Book List](https://www.kimicoapps.net/?lib=HBX-GIF-MTS-S) Link: <https://www.kimicoapps.net/?lib=HBX-GIF-MTS-S>
Password: SNST2018

The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

III. Student Excellence Committee Goal Updates

A.

Improving family and community involvement through volunteer opportunities and effective communication.

Discussion and planning for upcoming Family Engagement events was held with the following possibilities evolving as opportunities for the Student Excellence Committee to support:

- Seaside School, Inc. Thanksgiving Feast: Thursday, November 16th
- Northwest Florida and Seaside SPIRIT Night at a Raider Basketball Game.
- Thrills Laser Arcade Night possible December 7th or January 19th
- Movie Night on the Seaside Lawn possible November 30th
- Seaside School Dance possible December 8th

J. O'Donoghue will work with K. Mixson to confirm dates so that planning may begin on each of the events.

B. Improve school culture and climate by increasing opportunities for faculty and staff to feel appreciated and valued as partners in the education of students.

R. Allen and D. Hahn shared a variety of options for engaging families to support the appreciation of faculty and staff on both school campuses. J. O'Donoghue mentioned the addition of Teacher Appreciation events on alternating months in conjunction with the current efforts of K. Mixson and D. Ward on their respective campuses. D. Hahn will provide K. Mixson with a "Teacher Favorites" Google Form to collect information about each teacher that can be used to enhance appreciation options. The 1st family supported appreciation event will take place on October 31st.

C. Develop and nurture strategic partnerships with families and community members to improve the capacity and diversity of the mentoring program, internship opportunities, and keynote speakers.

A discussion was held around current opportunities for internships at Seacoast. Attendees shared how they could best support the diversity and expansion of these efforts. A meeting was set to discuss expectations on Monday, October 16th to include D. Ward, Seacoast Principal, D. Hahn, K. Sandoe, and J. O'Donoghue.

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 5:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. O'Donoghue