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Seaside School, Inc

Minutes

April Student Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday April 17, 2024 at 4:00 PM

Location
Seacoast Collegiate High School, Room 119/120
109 Greenway Trail
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

Zoom Link: https://scholastic.zoom.us/j/94264501160?pwd=QTIrREIreUtNcFRxUnhOOG5UNG9jZz09
Password: SNS

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
J. O'Donoghue, T. Miller

Committee Members Absent
A. Winicki, G. Latour, M. Uhlfelder

Guests Present
D. Hahn, D. Ward, K. Mixson, Kevin Sandoe

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 Apr 17, 2024 at 4:03 PM.

II. Student Excellence

A. Course Suggestions

Course Suggestions Discussion:

- Use of interest surveys, student feedback, parent input, and teacher availability are all considered when course selection for the upcoming school year is determined;
- There will be a shift from Quickbooks to other CTE courses for fall;
- Possible addition of Debate class to leadership options, this option was initiated by parents and board members

B. Teacher Appreciation Week

- Moved to May 13-17th on the Seaside campus due to testing week May 6-10th;
- J. O'Donoghue to provide breakfast items for testing
- Sign up for daily events to show appreciation has been shared and feedback on suggested events is positive;

C. Internship Update

- Internships secured for interested students and mentors are awaiting information from teh school on when/how to communicate with interns to initiate internship;
- T. Miller and D. Ward working on logistics for mentor-student connections
- M. Wilcox is monitoring the permission slip process and background checks required

D. Scholarship Opportunities

- "Legacy" Scholarship Discussion:
  - Decision for T. Miller to create a prompt related to Seaside Way for students to respond to; will submit to Seacoast and applications will be reviewed by Seacoast Staff and contributing board members
  - Students will be required to submit scholarship application by Tuesday, May 7th by 5:00 PM
  - A ceremony or scholarship recipient information to be determined;
  - Initial scholarship amount set at $500 each, number of offered scholarships to be determined by number of matching board member donations
  - J. O'Donoghue committed to the first $500 contribution
  - Proposal for exiting board members to contribute/match to the scholarship fund instead of receiving gifts, focusing on student support, T. Miller to send email to board members with more information about opportunity

E. Seacoast Needs/Discussion Items

- Need for streamlined process for student-selected courses offered through virtual options due to cost incurred
- Edgenuity considered for certain courses; more cost-effective than FLVS
- Virtual options should only be available for credit recovery and athletic eligibility
- Proposal to add a clause to the Student Handbook outlining expectations for virtual course option

III. 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 5:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. O'Donoghue