APPROVED

Seaside School, Inc

Minutes

April Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Monday April 15, 2024 at 11:00 AM

Location
Dunlap & Shipman, P.A.
2063 S. County Highway 395
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/about/governance

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, C. Lewis, D. Tinghitella, L. Blue, R. Kauffman

Committee Members Absent
M. Uhlfelder

Guests Present
A.J. Reed (Parent), Jason Boger (Parent), Lauren Boger (Parent), M. Kerrigan (remote), M. Willcox (remote), T. Miller, Wayne Healy (Parent) (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

R. Kauffman called a meeting of the Governance Committee Committee of Seaside School, Inc to order on Monday Apr 15, 2024 at 11:03 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

L. Blue made a motion to approve the minutes from March Governance Committee Meeting on 03-08-24.
D. Tinghitella seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Admissions Appeals

A. Hearing on Appeal from Administration Admission Determination - Minor Child J.B.

D. Tinghitella made a motion to deny the appeal.
L. Blue seconded the motion.
School administration presented a summary of its review, in which administration concluded that the child does not qualify for the Walton County Admissions Preference. This was followed by a presentation by the parents. After discussion and a question and answer opportunity, the Committee voted as shown based on the absence of evidence

(as set forth in and required by The Seaside School, Inc. Application and Admittance Policy) of residency of parents and child on or before the applicable deadline of February 29, 2024.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Hearing on Appeal from Administration Admission Determination - Minor Child L.B.

L. Blue made a motion to deny the appeal.
D. Tinghitella seconded the motion.
School administration presented a summary of its review, in which administration concluded that the child does not qualify for the Walton County Admissions Preference. This was followed by a presentation by the parents. After discussion and a question and answer opportunity, the Committee voted as shown based on the absence of evidence (as set forth in and required by The Seaside School, Inc. Application and Admittance Policy) of residency of parents and child on or before the applicable deadline of February 29, 2024.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Hearing on Appeal from Administration Admission Determination - Minor Child L.H.

L. Blue made a motion to grant the appeal based upon testimony and evidence presented at the hearing demonstrating that L.H. is a resident of Walton County, Florida.
D. Tinghitella seconded the motion.
School administration presented a summary of its review, in which administration concluded that the child does not qualify for the Walton County Admissions Preference even though it was not disputed that the parents were Walton County residents at the time of application. This was followed by a presentation by the child's father in which additional testimony was presented regarding the child's residency in Walton County not later than February 29, 2024. After discussion and a question and answer opportunity:

R. Kauffman made a motion to deny the appeal. Motion not seconded, motion failed. Additional discussion ensued.

Primary motion was made by L. Blue as indicated.

R. Kauffman made a motion to amend the primary motion, to specify that the motion to grant the appeal would be explicitly based upon new testimony and evidence presented at the hearing demonstrating that L.H. is a resident of Walton County, Florida.

Prior to calling the vote, it was reiterated by Committee members that School Administration acted properly in its initial review of the admissions preference and that any different decision made by the Committee is based upon new evidence presented at the appeal hearing.

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

D. Hearing on Appeal from Administration Admission Determination - Minor Child G.R.

D. Tinghitella made a motion to grant the appeal based upon testimony and evidence presented at the hearing demonstrating that G.R. is a resident of Walton County, Florida. L. Blue seconded the motion.
School administration presented a summary of its review, in which administration concluded that the child does not qualify for the Walton County Admissions Preference. This was followed by a presentation by the child's father in which additional testimony was presented regarding the child's residency in Walton County not later than February 29, 2024. Further discussion and a question and anwer opportunity was held.

Prior to calling the vote, it was again reiterated that School Administration acted properly in its initial review of the admissions preference and that any different decision made by the Committee is based upon new evidence presented at the appeal hearing. The motion was then voted upon as indicated.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Governance

A. Annual Policy Review

The Governance Committee will conduct an annual review of the Applicaiton and Admittance Policy prior to 2025 - 2026 applications and open enrollment.

IV. Other Business

A. Update - Outside Counsel Agreement

T. Miller provided an update on the agreement with the Arnold Law Firm.

B. Discussion - Foundation/School Functions

R. Kauffman provided an update and will discuss with former School Board/current Foundation Board members.

V. 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 12:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Kauffman

Documents used during the meeting

None