



Seaside School, Inc

Minutes

September Development Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday September 10, 2024 at 8:15 AM

Location

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/iix-zata-man>

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

D. Lilienthal (remote), J. Ward (remote), L. Blue (remote), M. Harrison (remote), T. Brooks (remote)

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

A. Jordan (remote), D. Ward (remote), K. Mixson (remote), M. Kerrigan (remote), Russell Hale (remote), T. Horton (remote), T. Miller (remote), lane_redding@ucbi.com (remote), matthewlauderdale@gmail.com (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Ward called a meeting of the Development Committee of Seaside School, Inc to order on Tuesday Sep 10, 2024 at 8:21 AM.

C. Approve August 2024 Development Committee Meeting Minutes

D. Lilienthal made a motion to approve the minutes from August 13th, 2024 Development Committee Meeting on 08-13-24.

L. Blue seconded the motion.

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

II. Development

A. General Items

The Triumph Grant Pre-application comments were received on Sept 9th. Much of the comments focused on the issue of the charter school being the grant recipient. The preference of the Triumph attorney is for the WCSD or NWFSC to be the recipient. Much of this centers on the financial stability of public entities over charter schools.

Letters of support have been received by county commissioners, the local Chambers, the Walton EDA, and other community members. These letters are due by the end of the week.

High school construction is proceeding mostly on schedule. The rain has delayed the completion of the West parking lot, but that is expected to be completed within a week of the return of dry conditions. Both buildings are now in vertical phase of construction.

B. Community Relations

There is a meeting today with SCDC and SNS to discuss the LDA and the Performing Arts Center Project. Pickup and dropoff discussion will also be an item at the meeting. More to follow.

There is a meeting this Thursday at Seaside with the County on the Van Ness Butler Parking Lot. Both Tom and Kim plan to attend and represent the school's interests.

Impact 100 will be on campus this week to consider a \$100k grant for the music program.

The Capital Campaign continues with the support from Teresa and our consultant, Brian Boone. Large donations are being pursued throughout the community with several meetings and events planned for the fall. Tom Glavine's Field of Dreams is full. No team spots available and all proceeding well on silent auction. The Race Committee is fully energized with great leadership on that front as well.

C. Strategic Planning

Lee Mixson is heading up the onsite improvements to the middle school campus. The most pressing items currently (outside of IT issues) are electrical outlets in the culinary area and the A/C units for the school. Plan is to get quotes on replacing the A/C units over Christmas Break and to get quotes and lists of items to address over the summer break months in advance of the summer.

D. School Updates

Russell Hale was present to discuss the IT upgrades needed to adequately serve both campuses. He plans to split the middle schools internet off of the high schools. The high school needs its firewall software updated and the middle school will need its own server and firewall. This solution will be very inexpensive (less than \$5K). More to follow.

E. Campaign Support Consultant

L. Blue made a motion to Extend the DAR contract with Brian Boone.
T. Brooks seconded the motion.

Overall both Tom and Teresa felt DAR was adding value to the capital campaign. The first 3 months was covered by a private donation. The committee as a whole supported this contract extension and the money for this was in the budget.

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

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 9:16 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Ward