



## Seaside School, Inc

### Minutes

#### March Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday March 6, 2025 at 4:00 PM

**Location**

In-Person: Seacoast Collegiate High School  
109 Greenway Trail, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

Virtual: <https://scholastic.zoom.us/j/92351104994?pwd=iJt5hfEgd19Y9flyy8Y2gttWrqtazz.1>

Password: SNS

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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.*

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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.

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### **Committee Members Present**

A. Winicki, C. Fail, D. Hahn, J. O'Donoghue, K. Sandoe, M. Harrison

### **Committee Members Absent**

*None*

### **Guests Present**

A. Jordan, K. Mixson, T. Miller

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## **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 Thursday Mar 6, 2025 at 4:02 PM.

### **C. Approve Minutes - November 2024**

## **II. Academic Excellence**

### **A. Middle School Updates (Vote on Dr. Seuss Books)**

J. O'Donoghue made a motion to Approve Book List for purchase.

M. Harrison seconded the motion.

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

Kim Mixon:

PM2 data: saw growth in all areas. Made some adjustments to tier 2 and tier 3 interventions. Collaboration in history and ELA with 7/8th as well; Excerpts from Best Texts; Common Lit is our Tier 2 intervention, but will probably use Lexia next year.

Summer Reading also uses Best Texts. Regarding Growth: St of FL standard tests PM 1 2 3 (ELA & Math) - SNS goes one step further with Seaside Writes - based on FL standards for the writing section - still being piloted and is not part of their grade. But we get the date from their write score. Tracking our PM3 scores year to year (where the students end the year score-wise) - we do look at last year's PM3 scores but there are a lot of variables.

Student Voice Action Steps: Safety: working on: At lunch they feel too close to the visitors - so they've moved the students in closer to the lyceum; new locks on all the classroom doors and will install peep holes on all the doors; working on Parents on Patrol program; added retractable barricades; more stronger individual voices and individual time with Mrs. Ashely and the counselors; Student Experience: adding an Art Club, adding guest speakers in areas of interest. Teacher Support/Student Wellness: build in some intervention time, time to help some students who need support and do enrichment for accelerated students. How can AEC help with these things?

Courtney Fail:  
SNS Course Codes by Grade - reviewed.

## **B. Internship Program Updates**

Dr. Miller:

Internships: Career Safari model introduced for internships. Looking for businesses to participate.

## **C. High School Updates**

Drew Ward:

We will have 90 new freshman for '25-'26 (had 70 this year)

PM2: net positive shift overall; working with intervention students (on IXL programs for example); We're hiring for an ESC / geometry teacher. Next year we will have a full time ESL teacher and full time interventionist on campus.

Student Voice: action steps have been submitted; done roundtables with 11/12 graders re: what they would like to see/could be done better; leading a safety initiative (students and crosswalks; teachers being at their doors between classes); getting feedback on their homework quicker; consistency on policing the dress code.

New Hires: need Art Teacher needed (cert), and social studies teachers.

Freshman Orientation dates set.

**D. 2025-2026 Academic Calendar**

J. O'Donoghue made a motion to Recommend approval of the '25-'26 school calendar to the BOD.

K. Sandoe seconded the motion.

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

**E. Middle School Resource Approval**

J. O'Donoghue made a motion to Approval Digital Resources as requested to the BOD.

D. Hahn seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** 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 4:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. Hahn