APPROVED

Seaside School, Inc

Minutes

Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday November 13, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Location
Seacoast Collegiate High School

Founded in 1996
Serving Students in Grades 5 - 12

As an arm of the Board, 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.

The Academic Excellence Committee's role is strategic oversight of academic outcomes — student proficiency, intervention effectiveness, and goal achievement. We do not exercise operational authority over curriculum, instructional materials, or day-to-day educational decisions. Those responsibilities rest with the Executive Director and the administration, within the framework of state, county, and board-approved guidelines.

Information on procedures for public comment can be found on our Governance Page. (Click Here)

If anyone needs special assistance to participate in the public input session, every effort will be made to provide 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.

Committee Members Present
C. Cerise, C. Fail, D. Hahn, J. O'Donoghue, K. Sandoe, M. Harrison (remote)

Committee Members Absent
None

Guests Present
A. Jordan, D. Ward, K. Mixson, Liz Branch, Meg Norwood, T. Miller

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I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

K. Sandoe called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee Committee of Seaside School, Inc to order on Thursday Nov 13, 2025 at 4:03 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

C. Cerise made a motion to approve the minutes from September meeting Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 09-11-25.
J. O'Donoghue seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic Excellence Committee

A. Administrative Update

Dr. Miller - Next FAST data in January

B. Core Governance, Intervention Effectiveness Review

Kim stated positive results with Lexia, which is being used mostly to support students below grade level, approximately 50 students total.

Drew has made some changes to remediation to help target students with no data. Biweekly meetings of PLC teams. Almost half of school in some type on intervention program.

C. Dashboard Discussion & Board Support Needs

Dr. Miller noted the staff are working on identifying a resource to be able to display the data in the dashboard style with more answers in January.

D. Committee Resource and/or Operational Needs

Dr. Miller would like to add lists of all approved materials, websites, and curriculum to the recurring agenda for this committee.

E. New Curriculum Proposal (Project Lead the Way)

Kim requested to add Project Lead the Way CTE modules to science curriculum for sixth and seventh grades.
K. Sandoe made a motion to Motion to recommend approval of Project Lead the Way to the SNS board and authorize Kim to sign the grant agreement.
D. Hahn seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Curriculum Addition Proposal (SCHS)

Drew presented additional digital tools for approval.
K. Sandoe made a motion to Motion to recommend approval of the classroom digital resources and supplemental book to the SNS board.
D. Hahn seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
Drew noted changes to the student handbook for additional detentions, no smartwatches, and email icon guidelines.

G. Positive Indicators to Share

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

B.

Public comment - Meg Norwood Requesting process change to include more information on the syllabus of student reading to address any triggers or difficult subjects.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
K. Sandoe