

**The SABIS International Charter School
160 Joan Street
Springfield, MA 01129
Board of Trustees**

Minutes of SABIS Board of Trustees Meeting – March 23, 2016

In Attendance: Ellen McDonald, Nick Massa, Sonja Shaw, Luis Aponte, Joyce Williams-Gondek, Maria Malmborg, Linda Condino, Anne Kandilis (Skype), Chris Jasinski, Olivia Kynard

Guests: Karen Reuter, Kim Hollenbeck, Gina Martin-Ryan, Brendan Dwyer

Not Present: Barbara Lindquist, Tracye Whitfield, Richard Griffin

I. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. **Approval of Minutes**

Joyce Williams-Gondek moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 20, 2016; the education committee meeting of February 18, 2016; the finance committee meeting of March 9, 2016; and the governance committee of March 9, 2016. Seconded by Maria Malmborg and approved; all in favor.

III. **Student Life**

Gina Martin-Ryan reported for Student Life. New project working on mastering skills before moving on, beginning in grade 8; includes banners, tutoring. Camp Jewell is on track with 54 students to date. Discussing which students will go to Greece for Student Life Leadership.

IV. **Director's Report**

Karen Reuter reported.

- Presented each board member with a jazz band CD.
- Visitors here from Lebanon providing support to AQC department. Roy Bistany was here as well to audit teaching methods. Carl Bistany reviewing with George Saad on how to support mid-terms. PARCC testing on paper was granted for this year. By 2019 it will be computer-based only.
- Empowerment Zone is recruiting staff/teachers.
- Pioneer Institute's best practices link will be sent to BOT.
- Girls on the Run- wonderful program /success.
- Teacher of Excellence dinner to be held. Maria Malmborg moved to approve up to \$600 for 14 tickets. Seconded by Sonja Shaw and approved by voice vote, all present.

V. **Facilities Committee**

Ellen McDonald reported on solar/still working on it. Nick Massa suggested summary of all companies and options. Returned back to subcommittee.

VI. **Governance Committee**

Anne Kandilis reported.

- Questions/what is being done about our questions about SABIS support of curriculum? Review in early April.
- Committee will meet with potential board member candidates.
- Info on educational service providers and questions on teacher retention.
- Board member terms – email to be sent to members asking if they intend to continue at renewal dates.

Nick Massa moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Joyce Williams-Gondek and approved/all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Williams-Gondek, Chair
SABIS Board of Trustees

List of handouts

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