

Minutes for Board of Trustees of the Syringa Mountain School  
Community Campus Room 211  
March 12, 2013 Minutes

Attendees:

Mary Gervase  
Travis Scott  
Joy Spencer  
Ben Rogers  
Phoebe Pilaro

1. Update about Phoebe and Mary's meeting with Lonnie Barber and Steve Guthrie
  - \*Questions about authorization, pros and cons of authorization from Blaine County
  - \*pros for Blaine County – after school programs at SMS, field trips, new ideas for Blaine County teachers
  - \*pros for SMS – share transportation, but SMS wants to retain autonomy, could get authorized faster with Blaine County, partnership with Mountain Rides
  - \*cons for SMS – Blaine County Board members can close SMS, but any authorizer can close the school if the school does not live up to the Charter Petition
  - \*Discussed budget and fundraising – Albertson's grant and fundraising every year
  - \*Discussed curriculum - Alliance for Public Waldorf Ed - designing a Waldorf curriculum for Common Core Standards
  - \*Lonnie suggested that the Blaine County Board members “work meeting” in April is set up to learn more about Waldorf education, Thursday, April 18 or third Thursday in May
  - \*Lonnie is concerned about special needs students
2. Scheduling Public meetings and sequence
  - \*start in April with all the Chambers
  - \*in May schedule others (ie. Rotary, PTA's, public info meetings)
  - \*Ben suggested that the Board Members get training about the best way to present SMS in meetings (ie, the most valid points, how we will meet the budget)
  - \*maybe we could talk with others schools about how they promoted their school
  - \*Phoebe made contact with a Waldorf teacher who spoke at the conference, she may be able to come and speak to our community
  - \*maybe we could meet with Dale for ideas about community building
3. TMS Update
  - \*location for next year
  - \*hiring for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, specials teacher, summer camp teachers
4. Land Acquisition options
  - \*health and welfare building, maybe under contract
  - \*Copper Ranch, available (contract fell through) – John Sofro wants us to write a contract, no money would need to be exchanged for a non-binding contract. Jeanne, John, and Scott can help

write up the contract. Mary suggests that we ask to buy the 4 acres and ask that the building be donated. Taxes advantages for owners for discounting property.

\*Sagebrush (\$2.5 million)

\*Forest Service Building (for rent next year)

5. Updates

\*Dale Bates Program Planning (no update)

6. More potential board members

\*public relations, fundraising, law, someone experienced with charter schools (Don Keller)

7. Change board meeting for April

\*April 10, 2013

8. Ted Talk discussion

\*The most important thing is “Why” we want to open SMS

#### To Do

\*\*\*Check on Charter bill, does it cover some building costs?

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