

Schools of Sierra Bible Church (S.SBC) School Board Agenda  
Minutes for April 2, 2024

Attendees: Sarah Hemler-Pres.(SH), Debby Benes-Secretary (DB), Diane Harper-Treasurer (DH), Greg Gusiff (GG), Darcy O'Loughlin (DO'L). Absent: none  
Guests in Attendance: Jessica Baeckel (JB)-School Head, Angie Parker (AP)-Administrative, Beth Davis (BD) – TKA Parent, Karl Anderson (KA)- SBC Lead Pastor

1. Opened in Prayer at 4:19pm
2. Approve SB Minutes March 5, 2024 - **The minutes stand approved as submitted.**
3. **Public Comment on topics not on this Agenda** – People wishing to speak must fill out a speaker's card. Comment limited to two minutes. - **No guests/public comment.**
4. School Head – Jessica Baeckel
  - a. Update – Head of NV. Dept. of Education – the Nevada Press Project. (JB) applied and was accepted to the co-hort. She will receive 25 hours of Professional Development through a grant from the University of Minnesota. A family review has been received from a group of three TKA families. They uploaded their positive review to our social media sites. Discussion regarding enrollment in the 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes and review of current rollover of student enrollment from this year. Six Kindergarten students are in the enrollment process along with one new First Grade student.
5. School Board President – Sarah Hemler
  - a. Preliminary Budget discussion – (JB) and (AP) delivered updated information on the status of the budget in relation to future enrollments for SY '24-'25. Contingency options for additional financial discussion were provided to lead Board decision making in the process to finalize and structure a budget before the end of the fiscal year.
  - b. Approve PTF bylaws – Beth Davis provided background and helped lead a question-and-answer session review of the edited by-laws restructured by some TKA parents. Discussion included how the School Board might guide and impact the by-laws, but the main oversight is to be performed by the Head of School. The current goal for the TKA parent group is to get officers elected this month to perform PTF duties for Teacher Appreciation Week during the month of May. This election of officers will also allow the generation of ideas for the Summer and the start of the 2025 school year (SY).

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c. DO'L motions to approve updated PTF by-laws, GG seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. DO'L motions to dissolve PTF under the old by-laws and to reinstate the new PTF under the by-laws unanimously approved on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. DH second motion. Motion passes unanimously.

- d. Update on Fundraising policy – Current policy was presented and discussed with the mention of potential edits. The policy will be reviewed at a future date.
- e. Parent Survey update - (DO'L) presented completed parent survey questions and will begin offering the survey to TKA families. Discussion surrounding class incentives and prizes for completion of surveys.
- f. Contacts for Board members/committees- updates – (DO'L) has had a discussion with Julie Balkenbush in regard to the potential of Bob using his legal talents for School Board involvement. Updates will be provided in the future.
- g. Pray for TKA families - School Board members prayed over specific TKA families. ***Action Item completed:***
  - o (SH) created letters to each specific family that Board members personalized and (SH) will distribute the letters.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Future Business

- a. Strategic Plan work for internal marketing (May)
- b. Strategic Plan work for support for professional development (June)
- c. Literature vision statement
- d. Board Mission Statement
- e. **Next Board Meeting, May 7, 2024 at 4:15**
- f. Tentative future meetings: June 4

9. Motion to adjourn at 6:37pm. (DO'L) and (SH) seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

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