

Schools of Sierra Bible Church (S.SBC) School Board  
Minutes for September 3, 2024

Attendees: Sarah Hemler – President (SH), Debby Benes - Secretary (DB), Diane Harper - Treasurer (DH), Darcy O’Loughlin (DO’L), Greg Gusiff (GG)-exit at 4:45pm. Absent: None. Guests in Attendance: Jessica Baeckel (JB)-School Head, Angie Parker (AP)-Administrative Assistant, Beth Davis (BD) – PTF President

1. Prayer—Opened in Prayer at 4:20pm
2. Approve SB Minutes August 6, 2024 – **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.**
  1. Parent Teacher Fellowship - Beth Davis
    - a. Update: – PTF Meeting last week with Executive Board members only. Meetings will continue to be offered throughout the year with a Google Meet link.
    - b. Successful summer and contacts made during Park play events. Raphi Cohee has expressed interest in helping with Social Media for TKA. Calendar is coming for daily volunteer lunch duties.
    - c. Fundraiser for PTF monies is still under consideration, no final plans have been made for the Fall event. PTF budget is in good standing to support '24-'25 events. Yogurt Beach fundraiser is in process for the end of September to coincide with Early Release date.
  2. School Head– Jessica Baeckel
    - a. Update: STAR testing results from first round of Reading and Math assessments during the second and third weeks of school. 87% of students at or above Grade Level Benchmark Reading. 65% of students at or above Grade Level Benchmark in Math.
    - b. Enrollment numbers have shifted by one student. A family has exited based on opportunities to travel and utilize online learning opportunities.
    - c. Finger printing application. TKA is not moving forward with the application process due to the chain of custody privacy handling of the secure information required from the Staff.
    - d. NAPS accreditation update: They will schedule an on-site update for TKA. A review of the NAPs accreditation standards is in process currently. Looking at adding the option of ABEKA certification opportunities for staff.
    - e. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders began the online Spanish class on August 12<sup>th</sup>. The class is self-paced. Some basic computer skills might need reinforcement to help students manage how to better use laptops and the program. I.E.-Utilizing windows, managing student progress within the program are some areas.



3. School Board President– Sarah Hemler

- a. Hardship Policy – Group editing of the draft document was begun but could not be completed within the timeframe of the meeting. This agenda item will be moved forward to the October Board meeting.

Action Item: Board Members and attendees will complete edits for the policy document in preparation to share during the October Board meeting.

- b. Praying about tuition –Board members will remain in prayer for God’s plan to be revealed and enacted. This item will continue as an agenda item for discussion during the October Board meeting.

- c. Dolan fundraiser (September submission) – Discussion that TKA can and should participate in this \$100,000 Dolan contest. Submission deadline for video entries is September 27<sup>th</sup>. One school will be awarded \$25,000 and 15 Classes will receive \$5,000. This item will continue as an agenda item for an update during the October Board meeting.

Action Item: A committee of Board members will spearhead completion of this project.

- d. Big fundraiser for this year: HUG again or something else?- Timeframe during the meeting did not allow for extended discussion. This item will continue as an agenda item for review during the October Board meeting.

Action Item: Board members and attendees will research ideas for fundraising options that will become a working outline for the '24-'25 school year calendar.

- e. Strategic Board Assessment

- f. 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.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

6. Future Business

- a. Strategic Plan work for internal marketing, professional development

- b. Literature vision statement

- c. Board Mission Statement

- d. Next Board Meeting, October 1, 2024 at 4:15**

- i. Tentative future meetings (first Tuesday of each month): Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4, April 1, May 6, June 3

7. Motion to adjourn was not received nor seconded as the meeting was quietly closed in prayer at 6:30pm.

