

Meeting Minutes
SunRidge Educational Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
Monday,, September 22, 5:30 P.M.
Meeting Location: SunRidge Library

Roll Call

- I. Establishment of Quorum** - Meeting called to order at approximately 5:35pm with Dale Thurber, Beau Anderson, JJ Yost, and Robert Simmons present; Guest - Sunridge Director Karina Haedo
- II. Approve Meeting Agenda** Motion to approve the Meeting Agenda by Director Simmons; 2nd by Director Yost; Approved 4-0
- III. Approve Draft Meeting Minutes from 6/2/25** - Motion to approve the 6/2/25 Draft Meeting Minutes by Director Simmons, 2nd by Director Yost, Approved 4-0.

Director Eberly arrived at approximately 5:44 pm

IV. Review Correspondences

There was correspondence from parents about the Givebutter platform and the default setting for paying the credit card processing fees for donors; we decided to set default to no additional fees with the option for the donors to pay the fees. There was also correspondence from a community member about field trips and Move-A-Thon and wanting clarification.

Open Session:

V. Business

1) Review Board Actions Taken by Email

a. Approval of Fiscal Budget Items

- i. Approval of Select Fiscal Year 25/26 Budget Items via email on 9/13/25; Motion to approve via email by Director Anderson, 2nd by Direction Eberly– approved 5-0
 1. \$3000 for athletics
 2. \$1200 for Elective class supplies
 3. \$2000 for garden program (equipment and materials)
 4. \$1200 for woodworking
 5. \$7000 for middle school enrichment (ropes course, we still have earmarked funds from move a thon 2023-2024 for this, so no new expenditure)
 6. \$2000 for director's fund
 7. no to exceed \$4000 for math teacher

- ii. b. Approval of \$1500 for classroom improvements
Curtain spring rods in every classroom and music program storage, Motion to approve via email 8/4/25 by Director Yost, with a 2nd by Director Simmons; approved 4-0

2) Follow-up on Action Items

- a. *Director of Development - Beau* - we expect a decision soon; we are offering the position today or tomorrow to our candidate, and expect a response this week.
- b. *Develop SEF FAQ sheet* - in order to better educate our parent body about where the money is going, post a pie chart or some graphic organizers
- c. *Givebutter pledge platform implementation - Beau* has a meeting this Friday with a Rep from Givebutter to 1) ask about credit card processing default setting to the Foundation pays processing, and 2) being able to add cash and check pledges to the total raised on the donation screen (thermometer graphic).
- d. *Website* - minutes are update; we have a few more to add; we agreed to add a pie chart and actual budget in PDF form for transparency and inquiring community members

3) Fundraising, Funds, and Revenue for 2025-2026

- a. *Bank accounts* - we are about where we've typically been this time of year; we have more money than is insured at Redwood Credit Union, so we may need to move some of that money to a new institution (no more than \$50K) or put it in a CD
- b. *Grants* - Still 8 days to apply for Mark Sell Rotary Club; Dale, Sasha, Sorrel and Dolly have grants in for this; **Action: Dale** will email details out to each teacher, aiming for 4 submissions as a school. Sebastopol West 100 is another possible agency to seek funding for projects. No other grants in motion at this time.
- c. *Discuss divestment from Wells Fargo - Action:* reach out to Rudolf Steiner Social Finance to see if they will hold our Apple stock; after tax season **Brian** can reach out to find a new bank.

4) Review Funding Allocation Requests

- a. *Landscape improvements* - for the streetside area in front of the gym and landscaping the front parking lot island; Karina presented two proposals from DMG Landscaping. **Action: JJ** is going to talk with DMG Landscaping and we'll get a future proposal.

6) Discuss Transparency of Funds

- a. We had a discussion about how to have more transparency of funding due to community correspondence item.

7) Review and Approve Fiscal Year 26/26 SEF Budget

- a. Tabled for an email vote before our next meeting.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dale Thurber, Secretary