

SOTA II, Inc. Board Minutes

Held ONLINE, July 15, 2020 @ 5:00 pm

Roll Call (all members are present unless otherwise noted)

Officers (voting members) - Deborah-Eve Lombard (Chair), Dillion McArdle (Secretary), District-Wide Parent Rep (vacant) , Treasurer (vacant)

Principal - Melissa Murray (vacant)

Faculty Member (voting member) - Josh Wolcott

Members At Large John VonRuden, Linda Levison (absent)

Guests and parents: none

Meeting called to order by D. Lombard at 5:00 pm. Quorum requirement was met.

J. VonRuden volunteered to take meeting minutes.

The minutes for the June 17, 2020 meeting were reviewed. D. McArdle motioned to approve the minutes as read. Second by J. Wolcott. No discussion. Motion carried.

Secretary, Treasurer, Principal's Report and District Wide Parent Rep. Reports

none

Specific Business

Discussed fundraiser for a classroom set of Apple pencils for SOTA II. Apple pencils cost approximately \$99.00 per pencil. They are a bluetooth enabled device synced to students iPad. Apple pencils are used in the theater and arts professions so it would be beneficial to give the students exposure to using professional equipment. Josh estimated that a good class size number to plan for was between 25-30 students. This was taking into consideration how many families may choose the Coulee Region Virtual Academy. Group set a goal for the Apple pencil fundraiser at \$3000. Josh to see if the school district IT department could purchase the pencils at a cheaper price.

Dillion shared that he had a contact at Xcel Energy that may be willing to donate a portion of the cost of the pencils. He did not know the exact amount, at this time, but would have more information for the next meeting. In addition, Dillion said that Xcel would be open to giving SOTA II students tours of the company's facilities at the Power Plant on French Island and Wind Farm outside of Rochester once the COVID situation is behind us.

Josh gave a brief update on the fall back to school planning efforts taking place in light of COVID-19. The district is looking at a blended instruction model which included 2 days face to face and 3 days virtual learning. Because of the larger number of students, Lincoln Middle would need to be split into 2 cohorts (A & B). Cohort A would have face to face learning on Mondays and Tuesdays. Cohort B would have face to face learning on Thursday and Friday. Both cohorts would have virtual independent learning on Wednesdays. Both cohorts would attend virtual classes on the days they are not face to face. Josh said it was possible with the lower SOTA II enrollment numbers and splitting up the student between him and Erin that it could be possible to provide SOTA II students 4 days of face to face learning for those families interested in that option. On the flip side, Josh would also like to be able to provide SOTA II families 100% virtual options through SOTA II if they felt more comfortable. This could be an added selling point of families staying with the SOTA II program. In any event, Josh thought it was

important to get a document out to the SOTA II families, as soon as possible, giving them as much information that was available at the time. Deborah-Eve volunteered to work with Josh on the document.

Deborah-Eve has initiated the process of opening up a checking account for SOTA II Inc. at Altra Credit Union. She asked the group thoughts and who should be listed as signatories for the account. Consensus was to include her as the Chairperson and add the Treasurer once that position was filled. D. McArdle made the motion. Second by J Wolcott. No discussion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by D. McArdle second by J. Wolcott

Next SOTA II Inc. Board Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday August 19th from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Documents: *(Included with Meeting Agenda for review but were not specifically discussed.)*

1. [SOTA II Inc., ByLaws](#)
2. [SOTA Articles of Incorporation](#)
3. [SOTA II, Inc., EIN #](#)
4. [SOTA II teacher wish list](#)

SOTA II, Inc. Purpose

SOTA II, Inc. is the governing body of SOTA II. The purpose of SOTA II, Inc. is to ensure that the needs of the students are being met, the voices of parents are heard, and the shared Vision and Constructs of SOTA II, as defined in the SOTA II Charter School Contract, are maintained and supported. SOTA II, Inc. will act as liaison between SOTA II and the School District of La Crosse Board of Education.