

SOTA II, Inc. Board Minutes

Held ONLINE, October 21, 2020 @ 5:00 pm

Roll Call (all members are present unless otherwise noted)

Officers (voting members) - Deborah-Eve Lombard (Chair), Dillion McArdle (Secretary-absent), Elizabeth Digby-Britten (District-Wide Parent Rep), John VonRuden (Treasurer)

Principal - Melissa Murray

Faculty Member (voting member) - Erin Schmuck

Members At Large Linda Levison (absent)

Guests and parents: Matt McParker, Kim Young

Meeting called to order by D. Lombard at 5:09 pm. Quorum requirement was met.

J. VonRuden volunteered to take meeting minutes.

Secretary Report- none

Treasurer Report

Report given by John VonRuden.

Checking account has been established for SOTA II Inc at Altra Credit Union. (2) - \$500 donations from Xcel Energy and The Rotary Works Foundation have been deposited.

Current balance in the Savings account as of 10/21/2020 is \$1, 076.00.

District Wide Parent Rep. Report

Elizabeth Digby-Britten gave a report from the first District Wide Parent Committee meeting held virtually 10/13/2020 (see attached agenda [District Wide Parent Committee Meeting](#))

District provided a copy of the 2021-22 School Calendar. It is available online for those interested in taking a look.

District working on a Strategic Plan on Equity. Dr. Engel wants to use the District Wide Parent Committee as a group to help identify issues that need to be addressed in the plan.

LaCrosse Public Education Foundation Executive Director, David Stoeffler gave a presentation on the Foundation and how it supports the district schools through different grants.

Dr Engel gave an update on the community outreach that is taking place on the review of the SRO program.

All charter schools need to submit to the district the IRS 990-N form for the 501(c)3 status.

Elizabeth was elected to the chairperson position on the committee.

Principal's Report

The school district is looking to bring students back to in-person learning November 8th.

There was consideration given to bring back all SOTA II students to face to face learning in one group by utilizing both existing classrooms. Melissa does not like this approach because she feels it is too much for one teacher to handle especially with the added protocols with COVID-19. So the decision was made to put SOTA II students into two cohorts (A&B). 13 to 14 students per cohort will work nicely in Erin's classroom with the social distance requirements. Students in cohort A will attend face to face learning Monday and Tuesday while students in cohort B will attend school virtually on those days. Students in cohort B will attend face to face learning Thursday and Friday while students in cohort A will attend virtually those days. Both cohorts will have virtual/independent learning on Wednesdays. Erin is working on a list assigning students to each cohort.

Lincoln building staff going over the procedures for how the in-person instruction will work. Kids in the same cohorts will be together as a group all day. There will be minimal intermingling outside of the cohort group. Lunch and recess will remind students more like how those activities functioned in elementary school.

Each student will have their own spot in the classroom where they will spend the majority of their time.

Biggest message that we need to get across to the students is it will be different. Need to prepare them for that.

Specific Business

Motion made by J. VonRuden seconded by E. Digby-Britten to approve the attached 9-16 2020 SOTA II Inc. board meeting minutes. No discussion. Motion carried. [SOTA II Minutes 2020-9-16.docx](#)

Board started to review the attached draft bylaw document for SOTA II Inc. In the interest of time it was decided that John would share the document with the group so they can provide comments. [SOTA II Bylaws \(draft\) 10102020.docx](#)

Action Item: J. VonRuden to share draft bylaw language revisions for SOTA II Inc with the board members.

The board has a goal of increasing membership and participation in SOTA II Inc for the current 2020/2021 school year. Currently there are two vacant parent/community at-large positions available on the board. Matt McParker has expressed interest in getting involved on the board. Dillion McArdle has expressed interest in vacating the Secretary position and taking a at-large position because of other time commitments.

Apple Pencil fundraiser. Dillion had emailed the board the news that The Rotary Works Foundation has donated \$500 towards the goal. To date \$1000 has been raised and earmarked for the purchase. John to get an e-mail out to families to gauge interest in donating to the fundraiser. Melissa will have Michelle forward the SOTA II parent e-mail distribution list to SOTA II Inc.

Action Item: J. VonRuden will put a document together to send to the families explaining the Apple pencil fundraiser and asking for donations.

Action Item: M. Murray to forward SOTA II parent e-mail distribution list to SOTA II Inc.

John has put together a SOTA II Inc task lists of all action items that need to be completed from previous board meetings. [SOTA II Inc Task List.xlsx](#)

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.

Next SOTA II Inc. Board Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday December 18, 2020 from 5:00pm - 6:00 pm