



**Woodlands School
Board of Trustees – Annual Meeting**

**Mission: Creating the character of the community through diverse education.
Vision External: The best of what an urban education can be.**

Annual Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2017 – FINAL, APPROVED

Attending:	<p>Officers: Chair – Sue Bay – Y Vice Chair – Jason Schultz – Y Treasurer – Catherine Wittig - Y Secretary – Matt O’Neill - Y Ex-Officio – Tommie Myles, Executive Director/State Street - Principal; Patty Rogers, Bluemound Principal</p> <p>Trustees: Claypool, Krista - Y Coby-Beaver, Jacqueline - Y Caruso, Carolyn – Y Griffin, Dennis - Y Hartwig-Rahmani, Brenda – Y Khan, Qasim – Y Lathrop, Kirsten - Y Richardson, Peter - Y Sheka, Lynn – Y</p> <p>Guests: Terrific crowd; too many to list.</p>
1. Welcome and Trustee Introductions	Board Chair Sue Bay welcomed everyone to the meeting, and the members of the Board introduced themselves to the attending parents, teachers and staff.
2. Organization Update	Sue Bay presented a mind-blowing psychedelic slide reflecting our overall organizational structure. The assembled parents and staff showed their appreciation for Exec. Director/State Street Principal Tommie Myles.

	<p>Sue also explained the decision to advance Patty Rogers as the Chief Educational Director for the organization, and described her duties in that role.</p>
<p>3. Finance Update</p>	<p>Sue Bay presented the organization’s current financial standing. The Board recently approved the annual audit, and approved a new set of employment policies, including a new pay scale, which was established based upon input from our current teachers. Sue expressed our huge thanks to the Workforce Development Committee.</p> <p>The Board also approved the 2017-18 Budget, which includes a modest raise for all staff.</p>
<p>4. Fund Development & Marketing Update</p>	<p>Sue Bay discussed the achievements of the Fund Development and Marketing Committee, including our new fund raising policy, creation of new marketing materials, and formulation of a long-term plan for fund development.</p>
<p>5. Chief Educational Director’s Report</p>	<p>Chief Educational Director Patty Rogers gave a report about the school’s progress on the educational front. Ms. Rogers discussed the results of student and parent surveys; the parent surveys show high level of satisfaction.</p> <p>Ms. Rogers explained the results of educational performance testing, which is showing great strides. State Street has shown dramatic improvement this year.</p> <p>The organization is in a positive spot with respect to our educational goals, and Ms. Rogers Tommie Myles are working well together.</p>
<p>6. Executive Director’s Report</p>	<p>Executive Director Tommie Myles gave a report regarding his initial year with the organization. Mr. Myles reports he is the happiest he has ever been as an educator. Wants to make sure we are all as happy as he is.</p> <p>Mr. Myles talked about the Woodlands Way, and his enjoyment of participating in the portfolio review of the departing Bluemound 8th Grade class.</p> <p>Mr. Myles reported on the extracurricular achievements of the past year. Basketball and soccer had good seasons at both campuses; volleyball and forensics were Bluemound only this year. Learned</p>

	<p>that forensics is one of the great achievers at Woodlands, with multiple awards. State Street plans to continue that tradition.</p> <p>Next year the middle school 5-6 unit starts at State Street. This is the year “outside” of the model because there will not be a “6” unit in 5-6; just the 5. Based upon prior experience, in these odd “build-out” years, the leading-edge class will just be its own class for the coming year, rather than trying to group 3-4-5 together.</p> <p>Mr. Myles is working hard on bringing the two schools together. He and Ms. Rogers are communicating constantly, including weekly meetings and daily conversations. Pushing hard for continued cross-campus collaboration, led by Ms. Rogers and Michael Pointer-Mace, and joint staff meetings.</p> <p>Enrollment: Mr. Myles noted we still have a few spots available for the State Street Campus for the coming year. Word of mouth is the best!</p> <p>Mr. Myles gave high praise to the PTO organizations for both organizations, thanking Alandria Gladney (State) and Crystal Arrington (Bluemound) for their incredible energy and work. Described how they had the entire year planned out for him when he first started as the Exec Director. Mr. Myles handed out some flowers to the leaders.</p> <p>Mr. Myles discussed the fund raising and fund development efforts, and the distinction between the two. The robust fund <i>raising</i> within our community (primarily at Bluemound at this point) is an excellent example of the Woodlands Way in action. The fund <i>development</i> strategy is designed to bring substantial outside resources to support our organization’s mission.</p>
<p>7. Adjourn</p>	<p>Sue Bay invited anyone interested in joining the Board to contact Sue or Tommie, as we will have some vacancies in the coming year.</p> <p>With that, the formal part of the meeting is adjourned. Motion to adjourn by Jason Schultz, second by Carolyn Caruso, motion passed unanimously.</p>

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