

Meeting Minutes MSMS Charter Board of Directors

January 15th, 2020

Present: Lynn Barras, Principal; Rob Hardman, President; Melissa Trader, VP; Chase Hurst, Treasurer; Kristen Winters, Board Member; James Villegas, Parent Board Member; Christina Joy, Parent Board Member; Carole Earle, Board Member

Absent: Eric Dickstein, Board Member; Brianna Gangi, Secretary

Attendees: Ms. Kristin; Ms. Erin

Meeting Called to Order: 5:03 (Rob)

- Melissa requests early dismissal and asks for pressing agenda items discussed first
- Board Seats discussion;
 - James remains until May 2021
 - Need to discuss May 2020 seats
 - Do Eric and Christina want to remain?
- Reminder about All School Meeting 1/29/20
- James selected new PR Chair
- Lynn reminds committee chairs about All School Meeting prepared “statements”
- Board members introduced to students at 1/31/20 flag raising
- Green Space field access granted; thank you MCSD
- Two student withdrawals
- Red Party MSMS community cultivation event
- Fundraising at All School Meeting

Action Items (Lynn)

- VPK application status nearing completion; 2 applications total
- Board Meeting future dates; 2/19/20, 3/25/20, 4/15/20, 5/11/20 (rescheduled from 5/20/20 due to Rob travel schedule and Board prefers Rob’s attendance)

Program Level Reports

- Carole observes Ms. Erin and Ms. Kristin classrooms
 - Reports that behavior issues are significant
 - Asks about discipline process
 - Concerns about administrative staff “standing around front desk area”
- How to deal with Ms. Erin’s Seahorse class behavior issues which appears to be in “crisis”

- Rob recommends a plan
 - Two week “intervention”
 - Ms. Natalie from administrative staff will assist in Seahorse class by removing students with behavior issues immediately
 - Parents of students need to be contacted more frequently

Secretary’s Report

- December Board meeting minutes approved - Kristen motions, Christina seconds

Treasurer’s Report (Chase)

- Expenses down from same time last year
- Cash up from same time last year
- Inquires about amending school budget
- Fundraising total up from same time last year
- Recommends discussing budget crisis at All School Meeting

President’s Report (Rob)

- Hoping to improve communication with MCSB
- PR Needs
 - “Montessori Family”
 - Parent involvement
 - IronChef Catering
- Lynn initiating Raptor volunteer system

Fund Raising Report (Kristin)

- Board school investment should be model for parents
- 5 VIP Gala tables sold
- Gala information for upcoming All School Meeting
- Bottles needed for Gala
- Fundraising games for Gala
- Spring Fair location confirmed; vendors needed
- Poker Night Event need 18 dealers

Administrative Review Process

Principal’s Report

- Recommends announcing committee meeting times at All School Meeting
- Front Desk Administrator, Ms. Heather, resigns

Parent Mentors for new parents recommended by board member Kristen Winters

Board Meeting adjourn motion (Rob, Kristen seconds) 8:00PM