

Board Meeting Minutes

Mays Community Academy

July 14, 2016
6:00 PM at MCA

Board Members:

Present: Nansi Custer, Shannon Dawson, Marcia Schwering, Deanna Disney, Greg Jarman (by phone)
Absent: None

Others Present: Shannon New, Krissi Williams, Sara Booth, Lisi Campbell, Trish Mastin, Megan Davis, Whitney Durbin, Christy Hamilton, Steve Schwering, Kelly Bewley, Anita Jackson, Victoria Foley

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM by Nansi Custer, Board President

Marcia MOTIONS to accept the June 2, 2016 meeting minutes; Shannon seconded; all approved; MOTION CARRIED. Marcia MOTIONS to accept the June 17, 2016 executive meeting minutes; Shannon seconded; all approved; MOTION CARRIED. Shannon MOTIONS to accept claims and payroll; Marcia seconded; all approved; MOTION CARRIED. Shannon MOTIONS to approve the CEO's mileage reimbursement claim; Marcia seconded; all approved; MOTION CARRIED.

CEO's Report:

Donald Isenberg Memorial Contributions were received; we will apply those donations toward increasing the school accessibility. Krissi Williams requested approval to seek and apply for all relevant grant monies. Shannon Dawson MOTIONS to give our CEO and Principal permission to seek and apply for all grant monies that would be beneficial to the school; Marcia seconded; all approved; MOTION CARRIED. Krissi noted that our preschool numbers are lower than desired, but we are confident moving forward with opening this year and expect enrollment to increase.

Principal's Report:

Krissi Williams introduced MCA's new Principal, Mrs. Shannon New. Shannon proposed a revised grading scale for Grades K-2: Mastery, Partial Mastery, and Non-Mastery. She also proposed moving from subjective mastery-based grades to letter grades during second semester of second grade to help offset the shock of receiving objective letter grades at the start of third grade. Shannon also proposed a new technology agreement, as part of the Student Handbook, holding parents financially accountable for Chromebook damages. Krissi will check with the corporation attorney on the wordage used for school parties. After some discussion about the student handbook and daily schedule, Shannon MOTIONS to approve the student handbook as presented; Deanna seconded; all approved; MOTION CARRIED. Shannon proposed to add Spanish as a special class. ELL grant monies would fund the cost of a licensed teacher and interpreter beginning the 2017-18 school year. Deanna MOTIONS to approve Spanish as a special; Marcia seconded; all approved; MOTION CARRIED. Marcia MOTIONS to accept the new K-2 grading scale terminology (Mastery, Partial Mastery, Non-Mastery)

and issuing second semester letter grades in second grade; Deanna seconded; all approved; MOTION CARRIED.

Krissi Williams recommended that we keep the textbook rental fees the same as last year. Current enrollment is at 135 students with several prospective students expected to enroll next week. Marcia MOTIONS to approve the 2016-17 Staff Handbook as presented; Shannon Dawson seconded; all approved; MOTION CARRIED.

Building Operations, Safety, and Transportation:

Anita Jackson reported summer cleaning is going well. Due to increased enrollment, we have added a fifth bus route. Anita will contact Dr. Sickbert to perform vision screenings again this year. Whitney Durbin inquired about sex education. Shannon New will handle setting it up appropriately. Shannon New will schedule CPR training for all staff. The ceiling tiles have been installed in the cafeteria; we are waiting on the diffusers to arrive.

Booster Club Report:

The Bookstore is set up and ready. Lisi Campbell is to meet with Krissi and Shannon New to discuss the specifics of it. The Booster Club will be selling concessions at the Rush County Players production of Alice Jr. this weekend.

Personnel Updates:

Krissi reported that Gary Nigh has resigned to take another position in Indianapolis. We have hired a new Kindergarten teacher, Elyse Cory, and we are excited to have her aboard.

Miscellaneous:

Krissi reported that we had some visitors to the building today from Americans for Prosperity, a pro-school choice organization. Krissi and Shannon New toured the building with their representatives and explained MCA's mission and goals. Deanna mentioned a school-wide activity fee that was originally discussed in April. These monies would help offset the cost of the high volume of field trips. Shannon New discussed using the terminology of 'Field Experience Fee'. After some discussion, it was decided we will make the field experience fee a voluntary contribution. Lisi Campbell inquired about any special education changes this year; Shannon New noted that she will be meeting with LaDonna Raab this week and changes will depend on enrollment demographics. Deanna MOTIONS to adjourn; Shannon seconded; all approved; MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM by Nansi Custer
Minutes submitted by Sara Booth, Administrative Assistant

MINUTES APPROVAL

