

Board Meeting Minutes Mays Community Academy

May 5, 2016
6:00 PM at MCA

Board Members:

Present: Nansi Custer, Deanna Disney, Shannon Dawson, Marcia Schwering

Absent: Greg Jarman

Others Present: Krissi Williams, Melissa Morgan, Trish Mastin, Anita Jackson, Christy Hamilton, Whitney Durbin, Lisi Campbell, Megan Davis, Steve Schwering, Scott Jackson, Ladonna Raab, Danny Puckett

Proceedings:

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

Pledge and Moment of Silence

Marcia MOTIONS to approve April's minutes; Deanna seconded and all approved; MOTION CARRIED.

CEO/Financials/Policies:

Shannon MOTIONS to approve financial statements, claims and payroll; seconded and all approved; MOTION CARRIED. Marcia MOTIONS to approve the Building Safety & Security, Social Media, and Fundraising policies; Deanna seconded and all approved; MOTION CARRIED.

Report Cards:

Honor Roll will include only the core subjects; students earning A/B grades in music, art, and physical education will earn Honor Roll with Special Achievement. After some discussion, it is decided to add the student's name to the top and the bottom of the report, as well as their Student Number. Deanna MOTIONS to approve the report card layout with noted changes; Marcia seconded and all approved; MOTION CARRIED.

PowerSchool Training:

Deanna MOTIONS to give Krissi Williams approval to send Sara Booth to PowerSchool training, not to exceed a cost of \$5,000, during the calendar year of 2016; Shannon seconded and all approved; MOTION CARRIED.

Director of Operations' Report:

Enrollment remains at 114; there have been no suspensions or expulsions; NWEA has gone fairly well with some minor technical glitches; scores have been encouraging; overall, the growth of the students has been good. Enrollment for next year also looks encouraging with 110 students enrolled for next year.

Building & Safety Report:

Anita Jackson presented samples for flooring; after some discussion, it was decided we will need to get multiple bids for flooring before a decision is made; also, Krissi Williams noted there are several other more pressing issues that need addressed first, primarily the cafeteria ceiling repair. Anita Jackson will be applying for several grants, including SRO and Farm-to-School grants. The recent emergency weather situation was handled very well by the students and staff. We now have an AED mounted outside the gym at the northeast exit. Anita has been looking into options to save money on custodial and maintenance supplies. Krissi Williams is looking into a consortium, specifically for Indiana charter schools, and will have more details in the future. Gravel will be brought in to pad areas on the playground over the summer. There was some discussion on the need for two more portable radio units.

Booster Club Report:

The MCA Booster Spaghetti Supper raised \$853.38 benefiting the MCA Cafeteria Fund. One field trip request will be reviewed at the meeting tonight. The silent auction, headed by Deanna Disney, raised \$1,084. There are several food-insecure families within our school; Lisi Campbell, Dawn Stephens, and the MCA Booster Club are working on programs, such as the Backpack food program, and looking into getting grants and organization donation drives to help support them. We will be organizing an end-of-school food drive for this coming week.

Place-Based Learning:

The students will be traveling more next year on place-based learning opportunities. The goal is to have the students out of the building on these trips far more often next year. Lisi Campbell noted age appropriateness should be considered more when planning trips. Lead teachers Christy Hamilton and Whitney Durbin should work with Melissa Morgan and Krissi Williams to create an outline of what is needed for the 2016-2017 school year.

IT Administrative Access:

Deanna MOTIONS to allow Todd Bennett to grant full administrative access for all internal IT issues to the CEO and appointed IT representative; Shannon seconded and all approved; MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments:

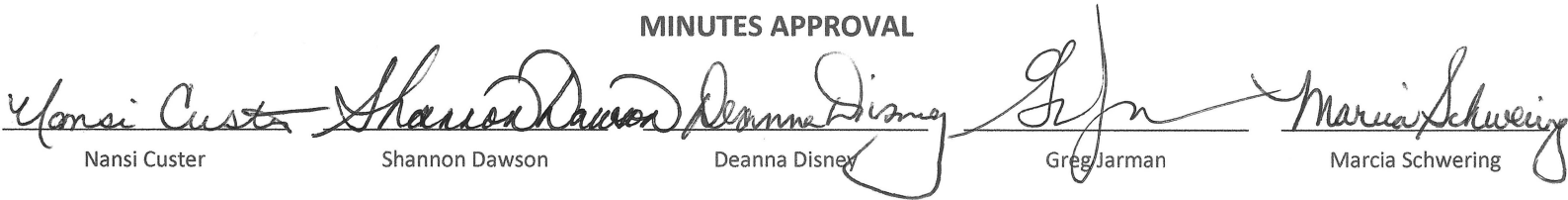
Danny Puckett, a resident of Mays, requested the security light and sign be adjusted since they are still shining into his windows; Nansi Custer noted she would contact Duke first thing in the morning about the light and Sara Booth will adjust the sign to turn off from 10:00pm to 6:00am. Steve Schwering noted that the fairgrounds is looking for people to direct traffic; it pays \$1,200 for the week and requires six people. Lisi Campbell will investigate this. The lead teachers will be encouraging teachers to sign up to work events over the summer, as well as Booster Club events.

Teacher Evaluations – Margaret Hollies’ Report:

She would have never known we were a first year school; she was very impressed with where we are, especially our utilization of technology. We should make staff contact information on the website easier to find. Professional development needs to be offered more readily. There needs to be additional smartboard, Google Drive, and Chromebook training. She recommended a technology committee be formed to always be pushing forward. She recommended we meet with the FOSS science representative again to inquire about grade levels matching standards and facilitate more professional development with the Math program. She encouraged adopting a common language across all grade levels for the writing program. She recommended an in-service immediately following the NWEA testing in the fall so the data can be assessed immediately, as well as a second in-service to determine student growth and inform instruction. She encouraged teachers and staff to make use of any available professional development opportunities presented.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM by Nansi Custer
Minutes submitted by Sara Booth, Secretary

MINUTES APPROVAL


Nansi Custer Shannon Dawson Deanna Disney Greg Jarman Marcia Schwering