

Minutes - Monona Grove Liberal Arts Charter School Governance Board Annual Meeting

June 14, 2023 - 4:30 pm

MG21 Nichols School Building, Room 25, 5301 Monona Drive, Monona, WI 53716

MG21 Governance Board meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 4:30

Board members present at the meeting: Ryan Claringbole, Sue Carr, Tom Stolper, Danny Howes, Raiden Edseth-Griffin, Elizabeth Wheeler, Rebecca Fox-Blair.

Also present: Shelby Steele

Board members absent: Sandy Homburg, Toni Gadke

A. Call to Order - the meeting was called to order at 4:31 PM.

B. Declaration of Public Notice

C. Approval of Minutes: May 10, 2023 Minutes - Needed correction as discussed to reflect vote on hiring. Raiden Edseth-Griffin moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Ryan Claringbole seconded. Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected.

D. Correspondence and Announcements

Thank you to Randy Munn and the Monona Madison Optimists, Jerry and Ann Nelson and the Monona Grove Businessmen's Association for providing scholarships for our graduating seniors.

- Ribbon cutting - If any board members would like to attend ribbon cutting for Little free libraries in collaboration with the Cottage Grove library at Drumlin Residences on 6/30 at 9AM, invitation is open. Sue Carr volunteered to attend.

E. Reports

1. Executive Director Report- review and questions
2. Parent Teacher Forum Update: Elizabeth Wheeler
 - a. Ice cream social will take place in the fall again - on the evening of the 3rd Wednesday of September
3. Student voice update:
 - a. Bel will be taking over Student Voice Committee as the teacher representative next year.
4. Review and Approval of Monthly Financial Reports: Regular Budget, Grant Budget
 - a. Motion to approve both Regular and Grant financial reports:
 - i. Ryan Claringbole moves approval, Raiden Edseth-Griffin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Business

1. ACTION: Request to increase grade level cap for 7th grade to 19 with authorization to go to 20 for the 2023-24 school year.
 - o Raiden Edseth-Griffin moved to increase the cap for the 2023-24 school year. Sue Carr seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. ACTION: Recommendation and Approval of Ben Hulbert for Middle Campus teaching position.
 - o Ryan Claringbole moved approval, Sue Carr seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. ACTION: Approval of WIAA Associate Membership for 2023-24
 - o Sue Carr moved approval, Raiden seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. ACTION: Election of Board Officers for 2023-24
 - President: Tom Stolper
 - Vice Pres: Toni Gadke
 - Secretary: Elizabeth Wheeler
 - Treasurer: Sandy Homburg
 - Sue Carr moved approval of the above slate of board officers, Ryan Claringbole seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. ACTION: Recognition of Alumni Board Rep Raiden Edseth-Griffin
 - The MG21 Governance Board offers thanks to Raiden Edseth-Griffin. Raiden is leaving the board after serving for 2 years as an alum of MG21. Raiden is leaving to further his education at Earlham College. Raiden has been instrumental in MG21's restorative justice program. Raiden, thank you for a job well done.
 - Raiden moves approval. Sue Carr seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Farewell and thank you to staff member Joel Jarosky
 - The board thanks Joel Jarosky for his 2 years of service to MG21 and wishes him well in his travels.
7. Thank you to Danny Howes for serving as our student rep.
8. UPDATE: Timeline Charter Renewal Process
 - Rebecca reviewed the charter timeline - ultimately the goal would be to have the board send our charter to DPI by February 2024.
9. Goals discussion/updates:
 - On promoting the school - this work is still important in order to expand the school (up to 50 MC students) - potentially use the middle school students and staff to continue this work. Possibly a role for the new alumni rep. on the board. This year Raiden led this work and some efforts by him and school staff included:
 - i. District website
 - ii. Facebook/social media - Stacy has been working on promoting the school
 - iii. New upper campus video
 - iv. In-person meetings with other Monona Grove schools
 - On school funding - we still do not have a good grip on the actual per pupil income - staffing is also changing so that will change this picture. Audit report also has all of this information. This could be a possible topic for discussion at the annual meeting and will inform our development of the MG21 leadership proposal for funding that will ultimately need to be approved by the school board.

G. Motion to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(c) for consideration of the following: Executive Director Evaluation

- Motion to go into closed session: Raiden moves, Sue Seconds:
 - Ryan Claringbole: Aye

- Sue Carr: Aye
- Tom Stolper: Aye
- Raiden Edseth-Griffin: Aye
- Elizabeth Wheeler: Aye

H. Motion to adjourn Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session.

- Motion to adjourn closed session and reconvene in open session: Ryan Claringbole moved and Raiden Edseth-Griffin seconded.
 - Motion passed unanimously - meeting was reconvened into open session.

I. Adjournment

Sue Carr moves to adjourn Ryan Seconds - motion passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 6:05PM.

REMINDER: Gov. Board Summer Retreat August 21 8:00-12:00

Governance Board Goals for 2022-23

1. Determine future desired leadership structure.
2. Clarify school funding.
3. Promote the school.
4. Begin charter renewal process.

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