



**MG21**  
Liberal Arts Charter School

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**MINUTES: November 8, 2023 4:30-6:00 pm**

**MG21 Liberal Arts Charter School, Room 25, 5301 Monona Drive, Monona, WI 53716**

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Present at the meeting: Tom Stolper, Toni Gadke, Sandy Homburg, Shenn Baker-Wainright, Rebecca Fox Blair, Ryan Claringbole, Shelby Steele and Michael Schnell.

Not present: Sue Carr, Elizabeth Wheeler.

A. Call to Order

B. Declaration of Public Notice

C. Approval of Minutes: [October 2023](#)

- Sandy Homburg moved approval of the October 2023 board meeting minutes; Ryan Claringbole seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Correspondence and Announcements

1. Introduction of new Alumni Board Member Shenn Baker-Wainwright: Shenn came to MG21 as a junior in 2016. During her time at MG21, Shenn was a Circle Keeper, and she graduated from MG21 in 2018. She went on to attend college, where she graduated with an Associate's Degree in May of 2023, and currently works in human resources at a trucking company. In her free time, Shenn enjoys being a backup singer in a local Reggae band with her father, often playing at the High Noon Saloon in Madison.

E. Reports:

1. Review and Approval of October Financial Report-Rebecca/Sandy
  - a. Ryan Claringbole moved approval of the October financial report. Sandy Homburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Parent Forum Report-Elizabeth
  - a. Elizabeth was absent; no report provided.
3. Student Voice Committee Report-Michael Schnell
  - a. Questioning if additional transportation learning opportunities are available.
4. DISCUSSION: [Executive Director Report](#)-Rebecca Fox-Blair

Rebecca talked about growing pains at MC from new students. 40% of our student body has either an IEP or 504 plan. There are challenges around the independent math program.

Shifted staffing to help support MC challenges to be more proactive rather than reactive.

MG21 requested and the District granted a request for the building sub to be full-time in the building rather than shared with other buildings.

Sandy asked if a math tutor would help. Shelby and Rebecca answered yes, maybe. The MG Education Foundation offers programs and grants to help with individual and group tutoring. (Programs discussed include the PIF=Pay It Forward Program; Starting Line Program=new program promoting importance of giving all children the opportunity to start from the same starting line. Mark Rundle will match funds raised for one of these programs; and Teacher Innovation Grants).

MG21 intentionally mapped and allocated specific staff to be in certain areas of the building to support specific students who need more support.

Ryan asked if MC expansion this year is a factor in these growing pains, and Rebecca stated it is. Logistical shifts have had to be made with the higher number of students in the MC, the mix of new students, and students coming in to do curriculum in a different way.

Rebecca stated there may be an ask of the board in the future related to the math program as it is not working for 1/3 of the students. iReady Diagnostic tests were given once this fall, and will be given twice more this year to determine how children are learning. Rebecca stated everyone has been working very hard to step up and support the kids.

Fall Retreat last Friday 11/2/2023. Worked on staff training, and Restorative Justice.

#### G. Business:

1. UPDATE: Date for MG21 Annual Accountability Report to BOE moved to December 13-7pm
2. UPDATE: New Charter progress
3. UPDATE: [Weekly PD Shared Leadership Teams/Co-planning](#)
4. DISCUSSION: Student Recruitment for 2024
  - a. Application goes live beginning of January and MG21 starts having open houses and community events thereafter.

#### H. Adjournment

Ryan Claringbole moved to adjourn, Toni Gadke seconded. Unanimous.

#### *Not on the agenda:*

*Sandy sent out a draft of the onboarding document that will be given to new board members. This will be linked in a future meeting for all to review. Sandy and Ryan met to review and designate required and optional meetings for MG21 calendar events.*

#### *MG21 Governance Board Goals 2023-24*

1. *Write and finalize new Charter 2024-29 and Finalize MG21 Leadership structure*
  2. *Increase Board visibility and participation by implementing best practices for board members*
  3. *Continue to examine MG21 Financial Sustainability*
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