



March 13, 2024 4:30-6:00 pm

MG21 Liberal Arts Charter School, Room 25, 5301 Monona Drive, Monona, WI 53716 [Zoom Link](#)

A. Call to Order 4:30pm- In attendance: Tom Stolper, Toni Gadke, Ryan Claringbole, Rebecca Fox-Blair, Sue Carr, Sandy Homburg, Shenn Baker-Wainwright, Shelby Steele, Elizabeth Wheeler

B. Declaration of Public Notice - Confirmed noticed by Rebecca.

C. Approval of Minutes: [February 14, 2024](#), [Special Board Meeting February 28](#)

Ryan Claringbole moved to approve, Sandy Homburg seconded. Unanimously approved.

D. Correspondence and Announcements-None

E. Reports:

1. Review and Approval of [Monthly Financial Report](#)-Rebecca/Sandy

Sue moved to approve, Ryan seconded. Unanimously approved.

Rebecca needs to reconcile some things after meeting with the financial coordinator. She has the goal of cleaning up accounts for future use.

2. Family Teacher Forum Report-Elizabeth

Pi Day event is happening on Saturday (3/16) 1:00-3:14pm. Expecting a good turnout. Board members are welcome.

3. Student Voice Committee Report-Michael Schnell

Michael is not able to be here tonight and Student Voice Committed has not been able to meet in several weeks due to several consecutive Fridays off. They are working on initiatives around restorative justice, accountability and dress code. Students completed metacognition discussions and essays at the end of the semester.

4. [Executive Director Report](#)-Rebecca Fox-Blair

Rebecca reviewed ED report details. 17 total incident reports so far this year.

If everyone returns, we have 26 students returning at middle campus (14 spots, 15 applicants)

If everyone returns, we have 36 returning, 11 students moving up from MC, 1 going to MGHS, 3 open spots.

F. Convene into Closed Session

1. Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for consideration of:

Staff evaluations update-Shelby Steel

Motion to convene into closed session: Toni moved, Sandy seconded.

Roll call vote:

Shenn Baker-Wainwright: Yes

Sandy Homburg: Yes

Toni Gadke: Yes

Tom Stolper: Yes
Elizabeth Wheeler: Yes
Sue Carr: Yes
Ryan Claringbole: Yes

G. Reconvene into Open Session - The board reconvened into open session.

H. Business:

1. Discussion: Staffing- Staff resignations and hiring for 2024

- Alex Mentele has provided written notice of resignation.
- Also need to hire a full-time teacher in Upper Campus. Will clarify on Gene's status before posting given the position will be full time.
- The board discussed how the hiring process should proceed given our increased autonomy under the new charter.
- Rebecca noted that the new charter does not take effect until July, 2024.

Proposal - subcommittee to work on hiring process.

- Sue, Sandy, and Rebecca will coordinate on this and come up with a proposal for process for approval at our April board meeting.

2. Update: Postponement of Pine Ridge Trip

- Pine Ridge is postponed due to staff illness. The trip is being rescheduled for August 30-September 7th, 2024. 4 students signed up are seniors - these students will still be eligible to attend in the fall as alumni. Moving forward, this will be an every other year trip.

3. Update: [MG21 Approved Additives for 2024](#)

Additives are additional stipends provided to teachers or staff for leading clubs, extracurriculars, etc. These were rolled over from last year and re-approved by the school board for this year.

4. ACTION: Discussion and possible approval of [Revised MG21 Admissions Policy](#)

Admissions policy -

1. Our admissions policy document and charter didn't match - wanted to clarify this document given our updated charter language.
2. Wanted to see if we needed to revise the admissions policy to address disproportionality
3. Wanted to clarify when students can transfer in.

Discussion ensued about the admissions policy. The board determined that the policy still needs revision and Rebecca should continue to work on it over the next month.

Ryan Claringbole moved to table discussion of the admissions policy. Sandy Homburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Other business - Sue Carr raised questions about the ability to participate in the superintendent search. The search is being conducted by the School Board; Focus groups were held to get feedback.

I. Adjournment

Toni Gadke moved to adjourn; Ryan Claringbole seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:36PM.

Agenda Items for next Meeting: Discussion on future Strategic Planning

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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