

Agenda Monona Grove Liberal Arts Charter School Governance Board Special Meeting

August 24, 2020, 2020 - 4:30 pm **Virtual Meeting via Zoom Meetings**

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

Topic: MG21 Governance Board Special Meeting August 24

Time: Aug 24, 2020 04:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Board members present: Sue Carr, Steve Halverson, Tom Howe, Phil McDade, Denise Peterson, Tom Stolper (left at 6:00 pm).

Board members absent: none

MG-21 Staff present: Rebecca Fox Blair, Shelby Steel, Mel Zastrow and Alex Mentele

A. Call to Order By Denise Peterson at 4:31

B. Declaration of Public Notice—Duly noted.

C. Motion to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(c) for consideration of the following: (Roll call vote) Executive Director Evaluation. Denise moved to convene in closed session, Phil McDade seconded. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

1. [Executive Director Evaluation Summary](#) and discussion

2. Review of [Executive Director Professional Development Goals for 2020-21](#)

Tom S. expressed concern about how we would measure whether or to what degree the goals would be met. RFB suggested changing some words to be more measureable; Phil suggested taking goals and making a grid, with the goals as performance areas and then a continuum of performance levels that might reflect the degree to which they are addressed. Beginning, etc . . . Denise wanted to add some after meetings she'll attend this week. RFB suggested mid-year check-in with goals. Sue asked if RFB would expand on why she selected these goals and how she came to these; RFB did so. More discussion surrounded the Shared Leadership teams goal.

3. Review of [Executive Director Job Description](#) and expectations for 2020-21

Discussion and revision of several points, and this will be on the September agenda as an action item. Shelby Steel joined at this point.

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

Denise moved to adjourn, Phil seconded, motion carried unanimously.

E. Action Item-Discussion and Approval of [1st Quarter Calendar](#)

RFB explained changes related to PD days throughout the year and answered Sue Carr's questions related to building family partnerships and orientation, more in keeping with current Covid concerns. Tom S. moved approval, Denise seconded. Discussion: Denise asked more about 3 days of orientation as too much? Rebecca noted that the staff is preparing these three days to serve students, and if the time is too much, it will be lessened. She also explained the weekly virtual schedule for

synchronous and asynchronous instruction. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Action Item- Discussion and Approval [Harvest Time Project](#) and [Spanish Pilot Project](#)

Though pricey, about \$200 per student per quarter, the Spanish Pilot Project is comparable in price to other programs and much more effectively taught than others. The vendor, using Google Classroom, is open to having the class on quarter by quarter contingency basis, and we can reassess. Sue asked about what platform MG-21 will use; because Canvas doesn't work well with PBL, RFB said that it's likely they'll use a combination of Google platforms to share teaching and learning.

Mel and Alex came on the call and shared details about the Harvest Time Project, based on the school gardening season, aspects of which are closely linked to the standards, especially science, but also social studies and literacy. They are considering, for example, meeting with 4 or fewer students face-to-face, masked, in the garden; Dan Olson is looking into aspects of Order #9 from Dane County Health Department and whether this can happen. In any case, Mel and Alex have created a flexible program to flex to what may come, and to be ready to engage in instruction when the pandemic lessens. Denise moved to approve Harvest Time, Phil seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Regarding Spanish, Denise was concerned about year two, and what Spanish 2 might look like, and the price point going forward, as it is expensive. Sue Carr moved approval of Spanish, Phil seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

G. Action Item: Selection of **two** Gov. Board Competencies for 2020-21 [Competency Options 2020-21](#)

Denise suggested that we look at 10, 11, 13, 21, 24, and 25. Sue Carr moved that the Board focus on Competencies 13 and 21. Denise seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

H. Discussion: Vision 2020-21

Tabled until next meeting.

I. Adjournment Denise moved to adjourn, Phil seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Denise adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm.

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