

Meeting Notes-February 10, 2021 Agenda Monona Grove Liberal Arts Charter School Governance Board Meeting February 10, 2021 - 4:30 pm **Virtual Meeting via Zoom Meetings**

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

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Board members present: Sue Carr, Thom Evans, Tom Howe, Phil McDade, Denise Peterson, Tom Stolper

MG-21 Staff Present: Rebecca Fox Blair, Melissa Hahn, Shelby Steel

A. Call to Order Called to order at 4:33 by Denise Peterson

B. Declaration of Public Notice—Duly noticed

C. Approval of Minutes: January 2021 Rebecca wanted minutes corrected from “Discussion noted that only one or two students would be in the school at a time, and that Paul and Rebecca both felt that they would be comfortable working with one or two students” to “Discussion noted that a small group of students would be in the school at a time, and that Paul and Rebecca both felt that they would be comfortable working with a small group.” Tom Stolper moved approval of the minutes with the change in wording above, Phil McDade seconded, motion passed unanimously.

D. Correspondence and Announcements--None

E. Reports

1. February Executive Director Report- review and questions
Kudos to Stacy and others involved for the quality of the MG-21 video

2. Review and Approval of January Financial Reports: Regular Budget, Grant Budget-no charges in Jan.

Sue Carr noted that she thinks it's prudent to create a plan for spending grant budget monies, and Phil discussed how we might best structure this discussion. Sue wants to be sure that there is space for the conversations to happen so that we have a clear plan to address expenditures of our monies in a wise way before the grant period expires. Thom asked for an update on the plan to purchase a van. Denise reiterated that our spending should be both timely and judicious. Tom Stolper reminded us of the State of WI purchasing program, and RFB is using that program through her contact at Kaiser Ford.

F. Motion to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(c) for consideration of the following: (Roll call vote)

Denise moved that we convene in closed session, Phil McDade seconded, and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

1. Update on staffing 2020-21

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

Tom Stolper moved to adjourn closed session, Phil McDade seconded, motion passed unanimously.

H. Business

1. Discussion and Reopening update Middle Campus, UC instructional Support for 3rdQ, UC Initial Timeline/Feedback for 4th Q Reopening

Initial preference surveys to families revealed that approximately 2/3 prefer a hybrid model, and 1/3 continuing the virtual structure. Currently there are 22 students attending in person or hybrid, with 14 remaining virtual.

Rebecca noted that the goal is to use the preference survey and feedback to determine what kind of model is best for students going forward. Then, a model will be created, shared with the board, and staffing will be based on that. Melissa Hahn noted that some things will likely stay virtual regardless, and that a blend of instruction is likely. Rebecca will keep the board informed as more information becomes available.

2. Review of [1st UC Semester Student Progress](#)

Rebecca noted that the goal was for all students to have earned at least 3 credits for first semester; 10 students in the UC have earned 1.75 credits or less, and there are support structures in place for each of those students.

3. Recruitment/Open Enrollment update [New Middle Campus PR Video](#)

Stacy has led the charge on PR for recruitment and enrollment, including FaceBook, Instagram, newspaper ads, radio spots, and information sessions. Alex and Mel are speaking to all 5th graders, and will follow up with all 5th, 6th, and 7th graders as well. Currently there is only one application for the Middle Campus, however, there are five more information sessions before the April deadline.

4. Discussion-Sale of student diamond desks

Rebecca will look into selling the undesired trapezoidal tables.

5. Discussion-Board Goals for remainder of the year

Discussion surrounded how to continue to improve communication among the board and with staff; reviewing policies for Federal oversight, and consider reviewing student handbooks and other policies that the board needs to develop.

Rebecca asked for input regarding her communication with the board, and there was strong concurrence among board members that her communication was both timely and meaningful.

a. Board member recruitment committee

As we consider seeking new board members, we should consider 1) what skills and capacities we require on the present board; 2) what relationships prospective board members have with their communities and professional organizations; 3) attention to demographic diversity; 4) developing a board profile.

Tom H. discussed the purposes of a non-profit board through the fiduciary-strategic-generative model, and Phil noted that some of the best boards used open discussion and listened more than they talked.

I. Adjournment Denise moved to adjourn, Thom Evans seconded, passed unanimously. Adjourned at 5:57 pm

MG21 Governance Board Goals 2020-21

1. Legal: Develop, review and refine school policies that need to be in place.
2. Effective Governance: Improve communication between Executive Director, school staff, the board and the district.

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