

Agenda Monona Grove Liberal Arts Charter School Governance Board Meeting

June 8, 2022 4:30-6:00

MG21 School Building, MPR Room, 5301 Monona Drive, Monona, WI 53716

Board members present: Sue Carr, Toni Gadke, Raiden Edseth-Griffin, Tom Howe, Phil McDade, Tom Stolper, Elizabeth Wheeler (virtually)

Prospective Board members: Sandy Homburg and Ryan Clingbole

MG-21 Staff present: Rebecca Fox Blair, Joel Jarosky (virtually), Shelby Steel

Zoom Meeting Link for Elizabeth

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86427956963?pwd=ZVhjTGc3MUNKSUHVzUxcGpLL3J1dz09>

A. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 4:31 by Board President Tom Stolper

B. Declaration of Public Notice--Duly noticed

C. Correspondence and Announcements-none

D. Approval of May 11, 2022 Minutes Sue Carr moved approval of the minutes, Raiden seconded, motion passed unanimously

E. Public Appearances None

F. Reports

1. [Executive Director Report](#) Final Enrollment Update- *please review prior to the meeting*
RFB noted that the UC is full with a waiting list, and that while not full, the MC is in a good place because the word is getting out on the quality of what Mel and Alex have created in the MC, so likely to see some additional students.
2. Parent Forum Update: Elizabeth Wheeler
Discussed having two events per year, a fall and spring forum. Discussed having Board Members write blurbs for monthly newsletter. Parents requested a Zoom link or YouTube video so that they might more easily follow Board meetings, the timing of which make it difficult for in-person attendance.
3. Review and Approval of Monthly Financial Reports: Regular Budget, Grant Budget
Toni moved approval of both the grant and regular budget, Raiden seconded, motion passed unanimously.

G. Business

1. Presentation of [Student Gov. Board Member Proposal](#): Joseph Warfel and Joel Jarosky
See the linked proposal for details, shared by Joseph. Joel noted that this proposal came from students organically, and that placing a student on the Board was not an initial purpose of the Student Voice Committee. Raiden noted that this is a great idea for improving communication and visibility of the Board, and in return, the chance for Board members to be aware of and then attend to student needs. Phil noted the quality of the presentation, and also that running the school is quite different from those who govern the school, and that learning about that difference will be useful. Tom S. used a different analogy with business, explaining that our Board is like a Board of Directors in a company, but management does the work and runs the company. Sue Carr raised the issue about details—like the presence of the student representative in closed session—and also noted the quality of the presentation and materials. Shelby Steel suggested that we have a standing agenda item to evaluate how the position is working and its usefulness.

2. **ACTION:** Election of Governance Board Officers 2022-23

Proposed slate of officers: Sue Carr, Treasurer; Elizabeth Wheeler, Secretary; Vice President, Toni Gadke; President Tom Stolper. Sue Carr moved acceptance of slate of officers, Toni seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Acknowledgement of Service Retiring Board Members: Tom Howe and Phil McDade

Of particular note was Phil McDade's long and crucial term of service, which dates to the beginning of MG-21. His leadership was instrumental in launching, growing, and maintaining the school since its inception.

4. **ACTION:** Approval of new board members

Phil moved to approve, by acclamation, Sandy Homburg and Ryan Clingbole as new Board members, effective starting with the next Board meeting. Welcome!

5. Resignation of Paul Marx and acknowledgement of contribution to MG21

Tom Stolper read the following for the record, as Paul was not present:

We joke that we are not sure what Paul Marx actually does, but that is because he does a lot to support students, staff, and the school as a whole. Thank you Paul for all your work over the past years and especially this year in wearing the additional hat of school social worker as well as Special Education teacher to help support our students as they returned to school. Your dedication and excellence will be greatly missed. We wish you all the best as you head out into this new chapter of your life as Dean of Students at Kromrey Middle School. They will be lucky to have you!

6. Posting, timeline and hiring team for 1.0 FTE Upper Campus Special Education position

Position to replace Paul Marx has been posted; interview team may need to do this work virtually. A second position, which will be part time, to support MC students, has been posted and the interview team includes both MGSD and MC staff as this will be a shared position. Toni will help with the interviews for the part time position, Sue Carr will serve on an interview committee for the full time UC position. Based on a question posed by Ryan, the board discussed the hiring process within the structure of a public instrumentality.

Rebecca raised the question if a candidate is decided upon, whether we should convene a special meeting to approve the hire. Watch for a message from Rebecca related to this issue. Shelby noted that we might want to approve the candidate after July 1 as they might then take advantage of professional development and other opportunities in the summer.

7. Identify Gov. Board member to attend virtual WRCCS Conference on July 26, 2022 8. Board evaluative feedback for Rebecca for 2021-22

The official Board representative will be Sandy Homburg.

8. Board evaluative feedback for Rebecca for 2021-22.

Tom Stolper asked each Board member to write by July 15 a narrative evaluation of Rebecca's performance as Executive Director in the context of her work with the Board, rather than her work as a school leader with staff or her performance as a teacher.

Summer Resources:

[WRCCS Gov. Board Resource page](#)

[Gov. Board Self Assessment](#)

Important Dates:

- Date for Summer Board retreat August 15, 2022 8-12:30

Rebecca will invite staff to join the Board for lunch at this retreat.

H. Adjournment Sue moved adjournment, Raiden seconded, motion carried unanimously. Adjourned at 5:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by Tom Howe, June 11, 2022. Over and out.

The Governing Board Goals for 2021-22:

- 1. Work to build a more cohesive culture across the UC and MC*
- 2. Create/refine plan for how to engage community partners and volunteers in collaborating with your school*
- 3. Establish/revisit methods or systems for frequent and transparent communication between the board and the school leadership*
- 4. Develop a leadership structure that includes clarity around supervision and employee accountability. The Monona Grove Liberal Arts Charter School for the 21st Century will not deny admission or participation in any program or activity on the basis of a person's sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability. There is no tuition to enroll in the Monona Grove Liberal Arts Charter School for the 21st Century. The Monona Grove Liberal Arts Charter School for the 21st Century is nonsectarian in its practices, and all other operations.*