

Monona Grove Liberal Arts Charter School Governance Annual Summer Retreat
MINUTES

August 15, 2022 8:00am -12:00

Lunch Listening Session: 12-1:00

MGSD District Office 2nd Floor Conference Room , 5301 Monona Drive, Monona, WI 53716

A. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 8:04 AM

Board members present: Tom Stolper, Toni Gadke, Sandy Homburg, Ryan Clingbole, Elizabeth Wheeler, Sue Carr, Raiden Edseth-Griffin, Rebecca Fox-Blair

Prospective board members: Joseph Warfel

Guests: Chamomile Nusz from Wisconsin Resource Center for Charter Schools facilitated the meeting; Shelby Steele and Dan Olson attended for part of the meeting

B. Declaration of Public Notice- Duly noticed

C. Approval of Minutes: June 2022 Minutes

Toni Gadke Moved to approve the minutes for the June, 2022 meeting. Sandy Homburg seconded. No changes, motion passed unanimously

D. Correspondence and Announcements

- Construction in the MG21 building and grounds: Bathrooms being worked on, new PA system and clocks will be installed. Playground and parking lot projects have been delayed, no information about when that will start. The project has been approved by the city.
- School is fully staffed, fully enrolled for the fall- 30 students at middle campus, 52 enrolled at upper campus (2 offsite at MATC). Wait lists for both middle and upper campus.

E. Business: 20 minutes

1. ACTION: Approval of Student Board Rep. Joseph Warfel
Nonvoting student representative

Raiden Edseth-Griffin moved to add a non-voting student representative to the MG21 governance board. Sandy Homburg seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. ACTION: Approval of new MG21 Staff Jodi Anderson and Chloe Malmgren

Ryan Clingbole moved to approve the hiring of Jodi Anderson as special education teacher and Chloe Malmgren as special education assistant. Elizabeth Wheeler seconded.

Jodi Anderson previously worked at LaFollette high school, lives in the Monona Grove district, and will be full-time in the Upper Campus.

Chloe Malmgren previously worked at West High and will be shared between MG HS students who are offsite and MG21.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. ACTION: Approval of Governance Board Meeting Calendar for 2022-23

Toni Gadke moved to approve the proposed calendar; with the caveat that the October meeting may be moved to Wednesday; correction of July 2021 to July 2023. Raiden Edseth-Griffin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. ACTION: Approval of MG21 School Calendar for 2022-23 (Approval of overnight trips)/Re-Member

Ryan Clingbole moved to approve the MG 21 school calendar and approve the Re-Member field trip to Pine Ridge; Elizabeth Wheeler seconded

Rebecca reviewed the extra staff professional dates that MG21 has that the rest of MG does not have. Rebecca explained the Re-Member service trip to Pine Ridge.

Fundraising will include some carry-over from the last trip and a raffle of one of the canoes.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of MG21 Regular School Budget 2022-23

Sue Carr moved approval of the school budget for 2022-23, Ryan Clingbole seconded.

Rebecca gave an overview of the process used to develop the budget. Brief discussion and explanation of budget items. No significant deviations from last year's budget.

Motion passes unanimously

F. Board professional development: Chamomile Nusz from WRCCS reviewed the MG21 Charter and Mission and Vision statements, the board self-evaluation, and presented an overview of standard governance board structures, charter school structures, and potential issues for our board to tackle in the coming months/years.

1. Board decision making - do we want to move from Robert's Rules toward consensus decision making?
2. School leadership -What will our process be for evaluating/planning the school's leadership structure?
 - a. Currently we have Rebecca as 40% ED and Shelby as 20% administrator.
 - b. Is it in the best interest of the school to have this position combined in one person and how would that individual interact with the shared leadership model of the school?
 - c. What are needs and what are the ideals for a leadership structure
 - d. Proposal to have Chamomile continue to work with an ad-hoc working group for the board's study of this topic. Rebecca Fox-Blair will send a follow-up email asking for volunteers to serve on the working group. Working group may include board members, staff, students, parents, possibly an administrator from the school district.

H. Financial workgroup update:

1. Sue Carr presented the notes and summarized the discussion from the meeting with Sarah Hackett from WRCCS, Sue Carr, Elizabeth, Shelby Steele, Dan Olson, and Mark Powell.
2. Sue requested a vote in September to form a permanent finance committee that would meet twice a year - sometime in November and sometime in the summer. The committee would include board and staff members and would collaborate with the district on budgeting issues and would establish a process for bringing budget requests to the board.
3. Other items for future board consideration that were mentioned included the following:
 - a. Obtaining 501 (c) (3) status - the board has talked about this before in terms of autonomy for fundraising/having our own MG21 checkbook.
 - Tom Stolper noted there is some additional work that needs to happen if we decide to go this route:
 - Would either need to be a 1023 or 1024 and then yearly need to file a 990 form.
 - Would need some level of internal control around the checkbook.
 - b. Our expansion grant is ending, and there may be some things that we pay for from the grant that we want to continue having. Need to figure out how we would continue our restorative justice programming, for example. MG21 has been in discussions with the YMCA about how to make this sustainable.

Motion to adjourn by Ryan Clingbole, seconded by Raiden Edseth-Griffin. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM