

Minutes for September 14, 2022

Monona Grove Liberal Arts Charter School Governance Board Meeting

September 14, 2022 4:30-6:00

MG21 School Building Room Room 27, 5301 Monona Drive, Monona, WI 53716

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81657186444?pwd=OFJETVQxZWE2ajJ6RFpUV2Q5N2JtUT09>

Present at the meeting: Tom Stolper, Raiden Edseth-Griffin, Rebecca Fox-Blair, Sandy Homburg, Ryan Claringbole, Elizabeth Wheeler, Toni Gadke, Joseph Warfel, Sue Carr

A. Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM

B. Declaration of Public Notice - Duly noticed

C. Approval of August 15, 2022 Minutes

Raiden moves to approve, Sandy seconds approval

Correction to August minutes: Ryan Claringbole clarified the correct spelling of his name. This should be reflected as a correction to the August minutes.

D. Correspondence and Announcements - Rebecca Fox-Blair provided the following updates:

- Parking lot should be done soon - maybe Monday
- Upper campus bathrooms on track to be finished on September 30th

E. Reports

1. Orientation Week-Michelle Bartman/Alex Menetle-5min.

Michelle Bartman and Alex Mentele provided an update on the first couple weeks of school.

2. Executive Director Report- review and questions-Rebecca Fox-Blair

- 51 students at the upper campus, 30 at the middle campus.
- Document for reference - Rebecca Fox-Blair and Shelby Steele created a document that serves to clarify the roles of Executive Director and Administrator.

3. Review and Approval of August Financial Reports: Regular Budget, Grant Budget-Sue Carr

- Sue got the reports from Mark on Monday, have not been matched up the way that we want them to be matching. Sue suggests that we review the budget reports and approve in October.
- Next month we will look at August AND September reports, including Rebecca's monthly expenditure reports.

4. Parent Forum Report-Elizabeth

- Ice cream social happening on Wednesday, September 21 6-7:30. Everyone is invited. This is the first Parent Forum meeting of the year, we hope to use it to attract more people to participate in the Parent Forum.

5. Student Voice Committee Report-Joseph

- Student voice committee/circle keepers have not begun for the year yet.
- Some discussion of starting a GSA group on campus this year but no action on it yet.

F. Business

1. ACTION: APPROVAL OF Staff Additives

- Clubs and additives that MG21 has done that are comparable to what are considered “additives” at other schools in the district.
- Ryan Claringbole moves to approve, Raiden Edseth-Griffin seconded.
- Motion passed unanimously.

MGSD 2022-2023 Extra-Curricular Schedule and Additive Schedule Proposed - 9.14.22

2. ACTION: APPROVAL Grant Budget 2022-23

- Motion for approval: Ryan Claringbole moves to approve the grant budget as proposed.
- Second: Toni Gadke Seconded
- Motion passed unanimously

3. REVIEW: End Of Year Performance Measures and Report

- This document was already filed with DPI in July.
- Still have not met the iready testing data for math and reading over the past couple of years. Request was made for comparative data district-wide. Continuing to work on developing measures to assess our students’ readiness for reading and math.
- All student writing assessment in the next 2 weeks, math assessment - these are alternative methods of assessment/data.

4. REVIEW Governance Board Retreat: Feedback and follow-up

a. Overall feedback

b. Leadership Structure work group

- Objective is to have a document to present to the board this fall so that we can potentially present it to the larger School Board in January.
- Tom Stolper appointed himself, Elizabeth Wheeler, Shelby Steele, Rebecca Fox-Blair, Alex Mentele, and Michelle Bartman.
- Rebecca will re-negotiate the scope of work contracted for by Chamomile. The plan is to:
 - Identify needs and gaps in the leadership structure of MG21
 - Explore options and other models
 - Share information
 - Make recommendations to the board

c. Financial work group next steps

- Sue Carr has been working with Mark Powell - the new district financial manager, to better understand our finances and put together a more readable format for the financial documents that we review.
- Goals of this work include:
 - Define our “real costs” as a school.
 - Share this information with the board and the staff.
 - Evaluate and possibly modify how budgets are presented to the board.
 - Possible future creation of a board/teacher team that works on financial and budgeting issues.

d. ACTION: Discuss and approve moving forward with 501(c)(3) status

- We have an existing entity that runs the charter.

- Could also file with the IRS to obtain tax-exempt status under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Advantage of obtaining 501 (c)(3) status is that the school could receive charitable contributions directly instead of having to funnel them through the Monona Grove School Board. The board discussed this may be a good idea, especially as our current grant funding is running out and we may need to do fundraising in the near future to retain some programming that is currently funded by the grant.
- Tom Stolper would prepare the paperwork.
- Toni Gadke moved to move forward with obtaining 501 (c)(3) status.
- Sue Carr seconded
- Motion passed unanimously

5. DISCUSSION, REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION Governance Board goals for 2022-23

a. Determine future desired leadership structure.

- Leadership work group described above will be working on this.

b. Clarify school funding.

- Financial work group.
- 501 (c) (3) status work.

c. Promote the school.

- Raiden raised the issue of working on the public image of MG21 within the broader school district and community. Specifically countering stigmas/misconceptions associated with the school/student body.
- Raiden will spearhead this effort.

d. Begin charter renewal process

- Renewal paperwork must be filed in Spring 2024. First step is to make a timeline for everything that needs to happen prior to renewal.

Motion to approve the 2022-23 goals of the MG21 governance board - Raiden Edseth-Griffin moved to approve, Sandy Homburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ryan Claringbole moved to adjourn, Raiden Edseth-Griffin seconded. Meeting is adjourned at 6:03PM.