

Minutes Monona Grove Liberal Arts Charter School Governance Board Meeting

January 11, 2023 4:30-6:00

MG21 School Building Room Room 25, 5301 Monona Drive, Monona, WI 53716

Present at the meeting:

Board Members: Rebecca Fox-Blair, Ryan Claringbole, Tom Stolper, Raiden Edseth-Griffin, Sue Carr, Danny Howes, Toni Gadke (on Zoom), Sandy Homburg (on Zoom)

Visitors/presenters: Gene Delcourt, Mel Zastrow, Stacy Levin, Shelby Steele, Dan Olson.

A. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:31 PM

B. Declaration of Public Notice

C. Approval of [December 14, 2022 Minutes](#)

Sue Carr moved approval

Raiden Edseth-Griffin Seconded

Typo in minutes - Raiden's last name spelled incorrectly in item e.2.b. - correction will go into 12/14 minutes.

Minutes approved (with change) unanimously

D. Correspondence and Announcements

E. Reports

1. [Executive Director Report](#)- review and questions-Rebecca Fox-Blair
 - a. Highlights:
 - i. Need to start thinking about replacing certain furniture and budgeting for that.
 - ii. Middle campus working on geocache project in school forest.
2. Review and Approval of November Financial Reports: Regular Budget, Grant Budget-Sue Carr
 - a. Sent two budgets with notes
 - i. Ryan Claringbole moves to approve both financial reports
 - ii. Elizabeth Wheeler seconded
 - iii. Motion passes unanimously
3. Parent Forum Report-Elizabeth Wheeler
 - a. Table at the open house/exhibition night - hoping to get more parents signed up/involved.
 - b. Chili bake off and book swap February 18 11-1PM. Everyone is invited.
4. Student Voice Committee Report-Danny Howes
 - a. Recently surveyed students - students expressed desire to have some more traditional classes, specifically language and math classes. Expressed that this is needed for college applications.
 - b. Middle campus students expressed that they felt that the middle campus is understaffed; proposed that there could be a shared staff between middle campus and upper campus math or foreign language. Most popular foreign language choices were Spanish and French.

F. Business

1. Staff Presentation: [Pine Ridge Trip to Re-Member](#)- Gene Delcourt
 - a. Gene shared about the Re-Member trip and made an ask to the governance board to assist/provide ideas for funding for the trip.
2. Discussion: 2023-24 Enrollment-Daniel Olson
 - a. Open enrollment must be voted on by the school board in January. Superintendent Dan Olson explained the school board's process for doing that.
 - b. MG21 needs to decide whether we want to expand the middle campus to 3 advisories- We can make this decision in March or April. 40 would be reasonable for class size for expansion.

- c. Put this on our agenda for our February meeting.
3. Discussion: Review of MG21 Governance Board goals for 2022-23
- a. Determine future desired leadership structure-update from WRCCS Leadership Work Group-update Tom/Elizabeth/Rebecca/Shelby
 - i. Leadership work group formed 3 small groups:
 - 1. Survey - Work group met on Monday to talk about questions. Clarified that we want questions to be general/big picture.
 - 2. Communication - Will be meeting sometime in the next week.
 - 3. Aim is to send out communication and survey in early February. Have the survey live for Exhibition night.
 - b. Clarify school funding-update Sue Carr
 - i. Sue presented the document that she is working on to better understand the cost of running MG21.
 - ii. Working on costs for now; will work on revenue side next.
 - iii. MG21 incorporation - entity was formed in 2015 but we have not really done anything/much with it. Tom Stolper is consulting with an attorney to determine if we are able to abandon the corporation and re-incorporate as 501 (c)(3).
 - c. Promote the school- update Raiden Edseth-Griffin
 - i. Plan to kick process into gear by starting with student voice committee to share with broader high school. Will update on how that goes next month.
 - d. Begin charter renewal process-update RFB
 - i. No real update at this point. Charter renewal due to DPI by April 2024. Charter renewal timeline is in the board binder on Google Docs.

Important Upcoming Dates: Exhibition Night Open House February 1, 2023 4-7PM

G. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn
 - Ryan Claringbole moved to adjourn
 - Raiden Edseth-Griffin seconded
 - Meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm

Governance Board Goals for 2022-23

1. Determine future desired leadership structure.
2. Clarify school funding.
3. Promote the school.
4. Begin charter renewal process

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