



# MG21

Liberal Arts Charter School

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**MINUTES for the meeting of August 21, 2023 8:00 am-11:30 pm**  
**MGSD District Office 2nd Floor Conference Room, 5301 Monona Drive, Monona, WI 53716**  
Lunch Listening Session: 11:30 am - 12:15 pm

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Present at the meeting: Rebecca Fox-Blair, Ryan Claringbole, Sue Carr, Tom Stolper, Toni Gadke, Elizabeth Wheeler, Sandy Homburg.

A. Call to Order - the meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM

B. Declaration of Public Notice - The meeting was publicly noticed as required by law.

C. Approval of Minutes: [June 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes](#)

1. Sue Carr moved to approve the minutes of the June 2023 Governance Board meeting. Ryan Claringbole seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Correspondence and Announcements

- No announcements at this time.

E. Business: 30 minutes

1. MG21 Updates for 2023-24:

- a. Fully staffed for 2023-24.
- b. Rearranged office area to provide better services to students. Now a student support center with quiet space, special education, school social workers, etc.
- c. Kendra Gillingham is the new SEA - also an MG21 alumni!
- d. New - dedicated co-planning time in schedule. 4-week rotating schedule. Also dedicated shared leadership planning time.
- e. Enrollment - Middle Campus @38 with one additional possible student to come in, Upper Campus @50, with one possible transfer out.
- f. Math curriculum - Illustrative math - MG21 has purchased this for algebra and geometry. Bel will be teaching algebra and Michelle will be teaching geometry this year.
- g. Bel will be taking on leading the student voice committee.
- h. The Y will still be working with staff and students on restorative justice (RJ)- Andrea has put together a plan for covering this internally as well.

2. ACTION: Approval of Student Board Rep.: Michael Schnell

- a. Toni Gadke moved to approve Michael Schnell, Sandy Homburg seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. ACTION: Approval of [Governance Board Meeting Calendar for 2023-24](#)

- a. Sue Carr moved approval and Ryan Claringbole seconded.

- i. Some dates need to be adjusted - Rebecca will correct the dates for exhibition night and the February Board meeting and will resend.
  - ii. Motion to approve as corrected by Rebecca passed unanimously
- 4. ACTION: Approval of [MG21 School Calendar for 2023-24](#) Including overnight camping trips.
  - a. Sue Carr Moved approval and Ryan Claringbole seconded.
  - b. Motion passed unanimously
  - c. [Re-Member Service Trip to Pine Ridge](#)
    - i. Sue Carr moved approval Toni Gadke seconded.
    - ii. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Approval of [MG21 Regular School Budget](#)
  - a. Rebecca Fox-Blair noted that the transportation line for the curriculum at the school forest would need to be substantially increased from \$500 to \$5,000 due to the increased middle campus enrollment - no longer able to transport entire middle campus using vans, need a school bus for transportation. The board discussed revising the preliminary budget to include the increased transportation costs.
  - b. Sue Carr moved to approve the preliminary budget, with pupil bus transportation to the school forest increased from \$500 to \$5,000 for a total preliminary budget of \$84,000 for the 2023-24 school year. Sandy Homburg seconded.
  - c. Motion passed unanimously.

#### F. Opening Check-in 15-20 minutes

#### G. Board Discussion:

- Review of [MG21 Mission and Vision](#)
  - Rebecca agreed to poll the students whether “walk your path” was problematic or abelist.
- DRAFT Recommendation on Collaborative Leadership at MG21: Administration and Shared Leadership in a Teacher Led school-Chamomile Nunz WRCCS
  - Chamomile presented the draft recommendation and Rebecca plans to share the draft with staff at the first staff meeting. Staff will provide any feedback and the governance board plans to vote on whether to approve the draft plan in October. The proposal will then need to be approved by the full school board for funding in school year 2024-25. If approved, the proposal will also need to be integrated into the renewed charter.
- [MG21 Charter Update/Timeline/ Charter Renewal WRCCS Slideshow](#)
  - Elizabeth volunteered to work with Rebecca and Tom to begin the process of updating the charter language.
- Board Self Evaluation: please complete this [Board Self Evaluation](#) form by 8/18
- Possible areas of growth identified in evaluation:
  - Satisfaction of Board members
  - Cohesiveness as a board, financials, best practices for board responsibilities, strategic planning
  - Increase Board participation in school activities
  - Getting the entire board the level of knowledge needed to be effective
  - Continue to strive for a balanced board who pushes Mg21 to grow
  - Diversity of board members

The board discussed some ways to increase satisfaction of board members, improve board involvement in school activities, and improve best practices for the board as a whole. Sandy Homburg and Ryan Claringbole agreed to put together a guide for onboarding new board members. Rebecca Fox-Blair agreed to include in regular monthly executive director reports links to timely articles or information about

educational trends or emerging issues that may affect our school. Elizabeth Wheeler encouraged board members to share information with each other that may be of general interest given our roles as governance board members.

- Possible Goals
  - Write and finalize new Charter 2024-29/Finalize MG21 Leadership structure
  - 501c3/New non-stock corporation/ Explore revenue/funding and identify needs to run MG21 successfully.
  - Increase Board visibility and participation
- Goals were discussed but will not be voted on until the September meeting.

#### H.Adjournment

Toni Gadke moved to adjourn, Sandy Homburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

→ **Lunch with MG21 Staff 11:30 am - 12:15 pm**

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