

MG21 Board Meeting - January 14, 2026

Present: Tom Stolper, Elizabeth Wheeler, Susan Fox, Sandy Homburg, Katie Moreau, Tom Everman, Ryan Claringbole

Staff: Rebecca Fox-Blair, Tanya Fredrich

Meeting comes to order at 4:30.

Minutes: Sandy moves to approve minutes, Susan seconds. Katie's name to be fixed. Fix what Susan's approval is (the minutes). Motion carries.

Review & Approval of the Monthly Financial Report: New format spreadsheet. Elizabeth asks if the school is on track to spend out the budget. Rebecca believes they will spend it down. Elizabeth moves approval, Katie seconds. Motion Carries.

Family Teacher Forum Report: Sandy spoke again regarding a MC helper. Someone contacted Sandy interested in being the helper. There will be a spring event, as well as a Pi(e) Day. Talked about bringing in more students to present. Discussion about tutors.

Director Report: Students and staff back from break. Question on if the discipline numbers are a running total for the school year. Rebecca confirmed that.

Student Report: Rebecca shared that MC shared they had a great winter bird watch outing. Doing a better job keeping advisory areas clean. Student Voice having good discussions. UC shared they have seen a decrease in the "6-7" meme jokes. MC shared they would like to have more staff, and UC shared they have maintenance issues with parts of the building. UC shared they appreciate the board's hard work.

District Update: Launched a website around facilities updates. Asking all staff managing budgets to use the new budget format. Working on getting the double buzzers, which MG21 now has.

Start College Now: One of the options for students to take college courses. Some students are taking the program College Success, which is similar. Main school board approves the courses. Funds are available to offer this. Moving forward, school will budget money for that account.

Recruitment for '25-'26: Recruiting events already happening. Info nights taken place, with another one coming up Thursday, January 22. 37 returning UC students, and 5-8 MC students requesting to transfer up. A couple students are looking to move to the high school. MC we have 25 returning students. Enrollment amount tries to be UC is 51 and MC 45. Looking to recruit 15-20 students on MC to maintain student goals. Students presented at Winnequah and soon will present at Granite Ridge. Looking to have more events to help inform potential students about MG21. Elizabeth asked if the upcoming info nights information went out to the 5th grade families, and wondered if maybe it can also go out to the 4th grade families. Rebecca will check. Next month is when enrollment limits on campus will be set. Katie suggested creating

a summer school class that is located at Granite Ridge to help kids learn more about MG21. Rebecca said can look at it, with challenges offering something to both communities, which requires twice the staff, maybe a teacher outside of MG21 or a parent with teaching license.

Open Enrollment: Rebecca met with Tanya about open enrollment. Currently we have 22 students that are open enrolled in the district and are at MG21. Moving forward, are hoping to get more 6th graders with 1 open enrollment spot.

Facilities: Susan asked Tanya if there was going to be a separation at the district building between the district and MG21. Tanya said it will be asked.

Branding: Draft of letter that is going out to MG21 families with an update on what is happening regarding gathering information on the district/MG21 building and Maywood building. Recommendation to add "There will be no changes happening next year." in bold type face. Also suggested to include the general MG21 Board email. It will go out with the suggested changes on the MG21 communication channels. Also suggested to ask families suggestions on how best to communicate out to the community for recruitment purposes.

Financial Sustainability: Tom has a meeting next week to look at Friends of MG21.

Academic Success: No update.

Staff Sustainability: Have a MC parent to be a volunteer. Teachers were informed, and now when the teachers need some volunteers they have a contact to help link other volunteers. Also suggestion to have UC parents help out during service events. Elizabeth will share out the ask at the next parent forum.

Events: Tom asked if the school are planning a Pine Ridge trip. Rebecca needs to talk with others to see if it will happen.

Adjourn: Katie motions, Susan 2nds to adjourn. Motion carries.

