

**MILLENNIUM CHARTER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2013**

The Board of Directors for Millennium Charter Academy met in regular session on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 5:30 pm. Those Directors present included Marty Danley, Renee Francis, David Hiatt, Greg Marshall, Erik Moledor, Susan Shipley, and Christopher Willingham. Also present were Kirby McCrary (Headmaster) and Christie Marsh (Booster Club President).

Hugh Campbell and Ken Gwyn were not present at the meeting.

Renee Francis called the meeting to order, Kirby McCrary led the Board in an Invocation, and Renee Francis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion of Erik Moledor, seconded by Greg Marshall, the Board unanimously approved the proposed Agenda.

Upon motion of Chris Willingham, seconded by Greg Marshall, the March 2013 Board Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

There were no Public Comments.

Christie Marsh gave a Booster Club Report:

- The Booster Club evenly split the cost of the following items with MPACT:
 - New bleachers (\$3000 total cost)
 - Gym floor covering (\$6000 total cost)
- Other items have been purchased for MCA athletics, including
 - Soccer nets
 - Basketballs
 - Scoreboard controls
 - Baseball bats and balls
- At the end of March, the Booster Club has approximately \$8500 in the bank.
- The Bingo event raised approximately \$2000 after expenses.
- Other fundraising events have included sales of Krispy Kreme cards, BOGO cards, and tie-dyed t-shirts.

Kirby McCrary presented the Headmaster's Report, emphasizing the following items:

- Current enrollment is 492, 101% (492/488) of the Five Year Plan.
- The projected enrollment for 2013-14 is 539. Based on previous years' February projections, 514 (95.3% of 539) may be a more accurate estimate.
- We currently have 45 7th grade students with 6 additional students on the waiting list. To accommodate all of these students and establish Middle School enrollments matching our High School enrollment capacities, an additional 7th grade section will be added next year.
- Due to multiple considerations, no additional Kindergarten section will be added next year.
- Mr. McCrary proposed an expanded leadership structure with a Lower School Director over grades K-6 and an Upper School Director over grades 7-12, both of which report to the Headmaster. Pam Braley could transition from Middle School Dean of Students and Academic Dean to Upper School Director. This proposal was discussed, and Mr. McCrary will begin to seek candidates for the Lower School Director position.

- Jane Brower from the Core Knowledge foundation is scheduled to visit MCA on April 15-17 for a “School Follow-Up Visit: Diagnostic” of MCA’s implementation of Core Knowledge. The cost to MCA is \$3,050.
- MCA Students have earned awards in many competitions.
 - In late March, at the Model UN competition at Appalachian State University, MCA had two teams of students that received first place awards, one team that got 3rd place, and one team that was awarded an honorable mention.
 - Also in late March, MCA students Laura Browne, Andrew Burciu, and Lindley Williams won a National History Day competition with their presentation of the 1921 Sacco-Vansetti trial.
 - Laura Browne was awarded honorable mention at the state level for her essay in Letters about Literature.
 - All four MCA students sent to the Northwest Regional Research Paper competition earned awards: Elizabeth Campbell (3rd place, Middle School behavioral science), Dalton Morrow (2nd place, MS behavioral science), Sarah Shepherd (2nd place, MS Physics), and Laura Browne (US Naval Award)

Greg Marshall gave a combined Treasurer and Finance Committee Report noting the following:

- We have had trouble with two of our HVAC units. The total cost for repairs on one and replacement of the other is approximately \$18,000.
- The transition of financial processes from Ed Woltz’s office continues and is going fairly well.
- At the end of March, we had approximately \$500,000 cash in the bank.

Erik Moledor gave a report from the Board Development Committee noting the following:

- The possibility of a Board Retreat on Classical Education was discussed.

Marty Danley gave a report from the High School Feasibility Committee:

- There were Reports from the High School Committee teams
 - Academic Committee – No report.
 - Athletics – Conference alignment options and the possibility of creating our own conference are being investigated.
 - Marketing – No report.
 - Technology – No report.
 - Facility
 - We may be able to build on our current property.
 - Greg Marshall is working on a cost estimate for a new high school building.
 - A Finance Committee will be established.

There was no report on MCA’s downtown property.

There was no report on Board Recognition.

Greg Marshall presented the possibility of joining the Surry County Economic Development Partnership which could offer several benefits to us, including marketing and collaboration opportunities. We could join at the lowest level for \$250.

The Board had a conference call with Joan Lange, Challenge Foundation National Schools Director. Ms. Lange read a letter to us from Rob Kremer, Executive Director of the TeamCFA Foundation, offering a grant to cover the costs of attendance of MCA representatives at the TeamCFA National Conference. She later reported that MCA has been accepted by the TeamCFA Board as a new TeamCFA School.

There was some discussion of the benefits and drawbacks of joining the TeamCFA network.

The Board unanimously approved a motion of Erik Moledor, seconded by David Hiatt, that the Board enter into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel issues.

Following appropriate motion within Closed Session, the Board returned to Open Session. No action was taken by the Board in the Closed Session.

Upon motion of David Hiatt, seconded by Chris Willingham, the Board unanimously approved adjournment of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Erik S. Moledor

Attachments: Headmaster's Report