

MILLENNIUM CHARTER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
July 25th 2017

The Board of Directors for Millennium Charter Academy met in regular session on Tuesday, July 25th 2017 at 5:30 pm. Those Directors present included Renee Francis, Susan Shipley, Christopher Willingham, Lee Rierson and Marty Danley. Headmaster Kirby McCrary, Lower School Director Michael Reeves and Finance Officer Patty Bare were also present for the meeting. Rene Francis called the meeting to order. Kirby McCrary led the Board in Invocation and Renee Francis the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ken Gwyn, David Hiatt and Mark Hampton were not present for the meeting.

Adoption of Proposed Agenda: Upon the motion of Christopher Willingham and seconded by Susan Shipley, the proposed agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion of Susan Shipley, seconded by Lee Rierson, the June 2017 Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment: None

Report of Affiliated Organizations: None

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

- Mr. McCrary presented the revised Beginning Teacher Support Program (BTSP) Plan. After some discussion and upon the motion of Susan Shipley, seconded by Christopher Willingham, the BTSP was approved unanimously.
- After many years of good service and wonderful teaching, Sandra Clement retired on June 28. Michelle Allred will fill Mrs. Clements position.
- Science teacher Patrick Yodzis was offered a full scholarship for a Masters Degree program beginning this fall resulting in his resignation from MCA.
- MCA students scored well on their first Advanced Placement (AP) tests. AP exams are scored on a 1-5 scale. For comparison:

US History exam

MCA mean 3.0

NC mean 2.54

Environmental Science exam

MCA mean 3.22

NC mean 2.73

- Under Michael Reeves leadership, MCA's first **summer reading program** was successful. Thirty-three first, second, and third graders participated in the summer reading camp. Students were instructed based on their particular needs in reading using the Level Learning Intervention system from Fountas and Pinnell. In addition, ten students who had not demonstrated reading proficiency in third grade were administered the Read to Achieve assessment. Six of the ten students scored a level 3 or above, thus demonstrating proficiency.
- The results of the **annual family survey** indicated that 91.3% of the respondents would recommend MCA to other families. All areas reported very positive scores.

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Lower School Director Michael Reeves discussed the Core Knowledge Foundation's language arts curriculum. Several lower school teachers visited Thomas Jefferson Academy to get a firsthand look at the program. To fully implement, there will be a cost of approximately \$80,000. After some discussion Christopher Willingham motioned, seconded by Lee Rierson, to increase the current year text book budget by \$10,000. This increase is to be used to offset some of the cost associated with the new program. Motion was approved unanimously. Topic may be revisited in the fall when final student count and state funding is known.

Report of Standing Committees:

Susan Shipley gave a combined Treasurer and Finance Committee report. Finance Officer Patty Bare was available for questions.

Board Development: None

High School Development: Marty Danley and Christopher Willingham provided an updated status of Phase II construction.

Unfinished Business: Christopher Willingham continues to pursue having an outside agency perform an anonymous satisfaction survey on MCA staff, families and students.

New Business:

The Board unanimously approved the motion of Christopher Willingham, seconded by Marty Danley, that the Board enter into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11(a)(6).

Following the appropriate motion within Closed Session, the Board returned to Open Session. No actions were taken in closed session

Staff welcome back luncheon is scheduled for August 21st. Renee Francis will coordinate.

At 7:35pm the Board unanimously approved the motion of Susan Shipley, seconded by Marty Danley, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Marty Danley

Attachments: Headmaster's Report, Agenda



Headmaster's
Report 7-25-17.pdf



Agenda 7-25-17.pdf