

MILLENNIUM CHARTER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
March 20th 2018

The Board of Directors for Millennium Charter Academy met in regular session on Tuesday, March 20th, 2018 at 5:30 pm. Those Directors present included David Hiatt, Renee Francis, Susan Shipley, Christopher Willingham, and Marty Danley. Headmaster Kirby McCrary, Finance Officer Patty Bare, Lower School Director Michael Reeves and Fourth Grade Teacher Kaitlan Gough were also present for the meeting. Renee Francis called the meeting to order and Kirby McCrary led the Board in an Invocation. Renee Francis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mark Hampton, Lee Rierson and Glen Pfitzner were not present for the meeting.

Adoption of Proposed Agenda: Upon the motion of Christopher Willingham, seconded by David Hiatt the proposed agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes: Upon the motion of Christopher Willingham, seconded by Susan Shipley the January meeting minutes were approved. Upon the motion of Susan Shipley, seconded by Christopher Willingham the February meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment: None

Report of Affiliated Organizations: None

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

1. Although there have been rough spots in its implementation, e.g., a slow start to kindergarten and less fictional literature than anticipated, MCA continues to strengthen its reading and writing instruction through the newly adopted **Core Knowledge Language Arts** program, which, of course, was developed by the same group that has provided much of the school's strong K-8 curriculum since 2000, and was endorsed by Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy as well as Hillsdale Academy and Hillsdale College. Michael Reeves, Lower School Director and Fourth Grade Teacher Kaitlan Gough provided a more thorough overview and answered questions from the directors.
2. Pam Braley presented the 2018-2019 **course selection** forms to high schoolers. The freshmen were happy and eager. The juniors were so excited they cheered when she entered the room and applauded when she left.
3. In order to strengthen the school's **safety and security**, school personnel (administration and a former law enforcement officer) have presented ideas to Lu Ann Browne, Pam Braley, and Michael Reeves for further research.
4. Mr. McCrary was invited to present in Raleigh to the **Joint Legislative Task Force on Education Finance Reform** on March 15. He chose to call attention to construction cost and transportation. Representative Sarah Stevens attended the presentation. Mr. McCrary also met with Rhonda Dillingham, the Executive Director of the NC Association of Public Charter Schools. Another significant topic addressed was equitable funding.
5. About 200 parents attended the annual **kindergarten orientation** on March 15. As they waited for orientation to start, parents were treated to a photo slideshow showcasing key aspects of kindergarten such as fun hands-on projects, field trips, Everyday Math, technology, science, and reading and writing images which highlighted the skills and knowledge strands from CKLA. Clara Marion (5th) and Jack Bevard (10th) passionately spoke to the parents about their MCA experiences, and received rounds of applause for their impressive talks. Joy Parsons shared anecdotes about both of these students and how they exemplified character development taught at MCA. Lu Ann Browne presented a brief overview of how MCA is a classical school, and Michael Reeves presented a brief overview of the curriculum. All four kindergarten teachers spoke briefly about various aspect of kindergarten to which the parents could look forward. Parents were quite complementary as they left. It was a very successful orientation!

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Report of Standing Committees:

Susan Shipley and Finance Office Patty Bare gave a combined Treasurer and Finance Committee report.

Board Development: None

High School Development: Work continues on the gymnasium. Project remains within budget with an estimated completion date of April 30th, 2018. Landscaping budget was discussed.

Unfinished Business:

Family Survey – Email inviting MCA families and students to participate in the online survey should be sent by the end of the month.

Security – Prices are being requested from security companies for front entrance automated door lock systems. Initial estimated price from Tyco is \$6,000.

New Business:

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Christopher Willingham, seconded by Susan Shipley, that the Board enter into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11(a)(7).

Following appropriate motion within Closed Session, the Board returned to Open Session. The Board took no action in Closed Session.

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Christopher Willingham, seconded by Susan Shipley, that the Board amend the policy related to a parental request as discussed in closed session.

At 8:00pm the Board unanimously approved the motion of Christopher Willingham, seconded by David Hiatt, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
Marty Danley

Attachments: Agenda, Headmaster's Report



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