

MILLENNIUM CHARTER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
September 25, 2018

The Board of Directors for Millennium Charter Academy met in regular session on Tuesday, September 25th 2018 at 5:30 pm. Those Directors present included Renee Francis, Susan Shipley, Christopher Willingham, Mark Hampton, Lee Rierson, Susan Campbell, Beth Southern and Marty Danley. Headmaster Kirby McCrary and Finance Officer Patty Bare 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.

David Hiatt was not present for the meeting.

Adoption of Proposed Agenda: Upon the motion of Susan Shipley, seconded by Mark Hampton, the proposed agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes: Upon the motion of Susan Shipley, seconded by Mark Hampton the August 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. Mr. McCrary presented the proposed 2019-2020 calendar (attached). After discussion and upon the motion of Mark Hampton and seconded by Beth Southern the proposed 2019-2020 calendar was unanimously approved.
2. MCA will administer the **Classical Learning Test (CLT)** in April. There are 123 colleges and universities already accepting the CLT for entrance. It will also provide MCA with analytics identifying ways to strengthen the school's pedagogy and curriculum.
3. MCA students will have annual opportunities to **travel** the world, experiencing first hand some of the history, literature, politics, and science about which they have studied. Christie Speer and Eric Cook, both upper school teachers, are leading this effort. This year, twenty students are enrolled to visit Costa Rica for eight days. Other trips are planned through 2023. The schedule is below.
 - 2019: Costa Rica for eight days
 - 2020: Beijing, China for eight days
 - 2021: London and the UK for twelve days
 - 2022: Italy and Greece
 - 2023: South America or Spain
4. MCA received a C on the **state's report card**, missing a B only by two tenths of one point.
5. Growing out of this year's professional development, there are several **significant projects** underway:
 - Quarterly U/S faculty meetings by subject area
 - MCA Ambassador Program
 - Classical Education Progress Plan
 - Surry County Teacher Recruitment and Education Initiative
 - Faculty Literacy Plan
 - Professional Development Modules

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6. Mr. McCrary received an unsolicited **testimonial** from a recent graduate's mother: "Already Maddie has received feedback from her English professor. The professor complimented her writing on many occasions, saying that it was quite refreshing to see that writing could still be done well, adding that she was able to express her thoughts in a skilled way. She was also thrilled with Maddie's verbal, impromptu, in-class definition of the word "rhetoric," saying she preferred Maddie's definition to her own, and that her classmates should familiarize themselves with it. Her definition was "the craft of purposeful, effective, and persuasive composition." (No doubt, she has heard that many times at MCA.) While these seem like minor details, it provided Maddie and me with confirmation that she had learned valuable, useful knowledge during her time at MCA. It has already made her stand out amongst her peers. We just couldn't feel more blessed or appreciative."

Report of Standing Committees:

Treasurer Susan Shipley and Finance Office Patty Bare gave a combined Treasurer and Finance Committee report. Budget scenarios were discussed in an effort to support a salary increase for faculty and staff. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Renee Francis, seconded by Christopher Willingham, to adjust faculty salary to reflect the state's 2018-2019 salary schedule. Staff will receive a 6% increase.

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Christopher Willingham, seconded by Mark Hampton, to make a request to Millennium Properties for a four-month rent abatement beginning in November.

Board Development: None

High School Development: Construction project is complete. High School Development standing committee to be dissolved.

Unfinished Business:

Christopher Willingham presented plans for a November fundraiser to support Fall Athletics. A tentative date was set for November 19th.

New Business:

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Christopher Willingham, seconded by Mark Hampton, that the Board enter into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11(a)(1,6).

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 Mark Hampton, to approve the recommendation of longterm suspension as discussed in closed session.

Headmaster Kirby McCrary present enrollment projections based on the 2018-2019 enrollment numbers. Discussion followed.

At 7:45pm the Board unanimously approved the motion of Susan Shipley, seconded by Renee Francis, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

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Marty Danley

Attachments: Agenda, Headmaster's Report, Calendar



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Calendar 19-20 (179
days, 1060.25 hours)