

MILLENNIUM CHARTER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
October 29th, 2019

The Board of Directors for Millennium Charter Academy met in regular session on Tuesday, October 29th, 2019 at 5:30 pm. Those Directors present included Renee Frances, David Hiatt, Christopher Willingham, Susan Shipley, 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.

Directors Mark Hampton and Lee Rierson were not present for the meeting.

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

Approval of Minutes: Upon the motion of Susan Campbell, seconded by Susan Shipley, the September 2019 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. The 2020 opening for the **Upper School Director's position** is now posted in numerous locations, locally and nationwide. I have already received one application.
2. MCA will be represented in this year's **Mount Airy Christmas parade**. There will be two spit-shined busses with students and faculty waving from the windows, cheerleaders marching, and trained carolers strolling the street beforehand.
3. Ms. Deborah Cooper and Mrs. Zoe Claxton (both with strong science backgrounds) are co-teaching certain **upper school science** courses to cover an unexpected vacancy. The position is posted nationwide on several sites.
4. On top of the good news reported last month that charter schools academically outperform district schools. (Traditional NC public schools have an average academic proficiency score of 56.1% while NC charter schools have a proficiency score of 66.7%.) Congratulations go to MCA and MCA families. On the most recent **ACT**, an entrance exam used by most colleges and universities to make admissions decisions and required of all juniors in North Carolina public schools, MCA ranked 8th in the state! Only six charter schools and one district school system in all of North Carolina ranked above this school. Furthermore, MCA ranked 5th in the entire state in reading on the same test. We follow three charter schools and one district school system.

Composite score rankings:

1. Raleigh Charter 28.2
2. Woods Charter 26.2
3. Research Triangle High School 25.9
4. Chapel Hill-Carrboro 24.5
5. Pine Lake Prep 23.9
6. Grey Stone Day 23.6
7. Lake Norman Charter 23.3

MILLENNIUM CHARTER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
October 29th, 2019

8. Millennium Charter Academy 22.9

Reading score rankings:

1. Raleigh Charter 29.3
2. Woods Charter 27.8
3. Research Triangle High School 26.9
4. Chapel Hill-Carrboro 25.5
5. Millennium Charter Academy 25.0

4. The MCA leadership team (Pam Braley, Michael Reeves, Lu Ann Browne, and Kirby McCrary) is trained, practiced, and ready for the Say Something-Anonymous Reporting System (**SA-ARS**) to go live at MCA. We are awaiting notification of our student training dates.
5. MCA's Internal Threat Assessment Team (**ITAT**) met to review the past year's work. It was determined that the group functioned well in general, but with additional steps in the process and a division of participants for improved communication, the ITAT would be more efficient and effective. Those changes are reflected in the attached document. Hopefully there will be no occasion to call this team into action, and all this will just be paperwork.
6. Plans are underway for the **2020 commencement** ceremony. The theme is "Beauty is known by the imagination; goodness, by conscience; and truth, by reason," a quote by Peter Kreeft.

Report of the Treasurer: Susan Shipley and Patty Bare gave a combined Treasurer and Finance Committee report.

- A motion by Christopher Willingham, seconded by Susan Shipley to amend the 2019-2020 budget to reflect the budget adjustment presented by Finance Officer Patty Bare.
- Outstanding bus repair bill from Smith Diesel was discussed. Questions remain around appropriate authorizations for repair. Mr. McCrary will follow-up with Doug Shepherd and if authorization was given then the invoice will be paid in full.

Report of Standing Committees:

Board Development:

Mr. McCrary continues to gather names for up-coming board vacancy.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. McCrary detailed the latest communication sent to MCA families regarding MCA safety and security. Feedback from parents has been positive.

New Business:

MCA Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 12th.

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

MILLENNIUM CHARTER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
October 29th, 2019

Following appropriate motion within Closed Session, the Board returned to Open Session.

At 6:50pm the Board unanimously approved the motion of Chris Willingham, seconded by Renee Francis, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
Marty Danley

Attachments: Agenda, Headmaster's Report



Agenda
10-29-19.pdf



Headmaster's
Report 10-29-19.pdf