

MILLENNIUM CHARTER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
April 26th, 2022

The Board of Directors for Millennium Charter Academy met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 29th, 2022 at 5:30 pm. Those Directors present included Renee Francis (remote) Christopher Willingham (remote), Mark Hampton, Carla Majure (remote), Druery Devore, Ann Jones (remote), and Marty Danley (remote). Headmaster Kirby McCrary and Finance Officer Patty Bare were also present for the meeting. Renee Francis called the meeting to order with Kirby McCrary providing the Invocation. Renee Francis led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Susan Campbell and Beth Southern were not present for the meeting.

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

Approval of Minutes: Upon the motion of Carla Majure, seconded by Ann Jones, the March 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. Plans for MCA's fifth commencement ceremonies are underway. Rev. Dr. Chris Lawson, the executive pastor of Reynolda Church in Winston-Salem, will deliver the keynote address on the theme "Come further up! Come further in!" Rev. Dr. Lawson is also the Founder and Chief Creative Officer of the podcast EverydayExiles, husband to Merri, father to Adam, Ellie, and Zachary, and executive pastor at Reynolda Church in Winston-Salem. Dr. Lawson has a bachelor's degree in sociology from Bluefield College, a master's degree in theology and history from Wake Forest University, and a doctorate from Fuller Theological Seminary. There will also be two, yet-to-be-named seniors to speak on that same topic.
2. Millennium Charter Academy hosted its first kindergarten through twelfth-grade assembly in over two years, assemblies having been sidelined because of COVID restrictions. This special gathering saluted the arts and offered a glimpse of the arts at MCA, including choral music, instrumental music, painting, drama, and poetry. In the spotlight was the final round of the school-wide Poetry Aloud competition. The winners were: First place- Morgan Cook, second place - Katherine Brinkley, third place- Noah Wilkes, with an honorable mention awarded to Erin Gough. The band under the direction of Rodney Money performed "Viva La Vida" and "Rise Up." The choral group directed by Danielle Davis sang, as did the cast of "Cinderella" directed by Beverly Edwards. Mrs. Mary McCormick highlighted four pieces of award-winning art. Mr. Neal Dawes introduced MCA's "A Drama Extravaganza" featuring seven, short plays to be presented in May. The arts are part and parcel to the classical education offered at Millennium Charter Academy.
3. Lower school director Lissa Carter, upper school director Jarrid Looney, college counselor, and teacher Paul Rezzo, and Mr. McCrary met with Eric Coykendall from Hillsdale College via Zoom to discuss MCA's next steps to go from an "affiliated school" to a "member school." According to Mr. Coykendall, although no specific steps are required, MCA should make noticeable strides over the next couple of years to integrate the Hillsdale College K-12 curriculum. He also mentioned that the school would need to fare well on their list of best practices. Fortunately, the school already meets most, if not all, of the markers. After meeting with one of the authors of the grammar curriculum, MCA will introduce Well-Ordered Language in 3rd and 4th grades next year. This material will eventually cover grades 3-6.
4. Mr. McCrary has posted the school's opening for a humanities teacher in four online locations
5. COVID Update

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The Board unanimously approved a motion by Marty Danley, seconded by Christopher Willingham, that the Board enters 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 during the Closed Session.

Report of the Treasurer: Christopher Willingham and Patty Bare gave a combined Treasurer and Finance Committee report. Upon the motion of Mark Hampton, seconded by Ann Jones, \$8,900 was approved for contract renewal with Petway, Mills & Pearson.

Report of Standing Committees:

Board Development:

Unfinished Business: Marketing – Mr. McCrary provided an update on lighting and digital sign installation.

New Business: None

At 6:30 pm the Board approved the motion of Mark Hampton, seconded by Druery Devore, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
Marty Danley

Attachments: Agenda, Headmaster's Report



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