



MOVEMENT SCHOOL

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MOVEMENT SCHOOL BOARD | MEETING MINUTES

6.12.19

Board Members: Casey Crawford, Frank Martin, Garrett McNeill, Brett McDonough, Cheryl Turner

Ex Officio Members: Tim Hurley, Jamie Sumter, Barbara Robinson, Alisha Carr, Gabrielle McCall Riley

Members Present: Frank Martin, Casey Crawford (via phone),
Jamie Sumter, Tim Hurley, Alisha Carr, Gabrielle Riley, Barbara Robinson,

Guest Attendees: Kimberlee Bielan (parent representative), Montel Watson

Meeting agenda passed out at 9:00.

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 by TH.

GM motioned to approve last meeting's minutes. CT seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

Meeting started with a quick introduction of attendees.

CC ended with a special thanks to CT for her partnership and support of Movement Schools from the beginning, and expressed our gratitude to and for her. She is stepping down from serving on the Board so that she can concentrate on the many other roles and responsibilities she has at the local and state levels.

BM has also stepped down, as he has moved out of state.

MW shared a bit of his background and interest in joining the board.

CC nominated MW to become a board member. CT seconded the motion. The board voted and approved the nomination unanimously.

TH shared his interest in joining the board on a temporary basis. CT asked for clarification on the non-profit entity TH works under. He works under the Foundation, not the school, so his participation on the board is legally permissible.

CT nominated TH to become a board member. CC seconded the motion. The board voted and approved the nomination unanimously.

Movement West Business

Academics

JS shared end of year academic progress for each grade. This year has been a great year of academic growth for students at all grade levels. She is pleased with the results for the first year and is very excited for next year.

JS believes the difference maker was going through the Relay principal development program—being intentional about everything that was done, and pushing teachers to think deeper as we dug into instruction and data.

CC and the board congratulated JS on the great work that was done to help turn around students' performance from January to now, and for leading the way she did.

Culture

AC shared there will be some significant changes in how the school culture will be implemented next year. She shared specifically about the Commitment to Excellence meetings that are being implemented for incoming kindergarteners and their families. This process will be implemented for kindergarteners to start, as a pilot.

JS shared that parents have expressed their appreciation for the transparency in expectations and making them aware of these expectations from the beginning.

AC asked CT for advice on how to proceed with students who were suspended more than 10 days during the school year (i.e. whether or not they can return next year). CT advised that there must be a part of the discipline process that indicates that at a certain point, infractions go before the board to determine next steps, and the board decision is final. It must happen during the school year. It cannot happen after the fact. TH, AC, and JS will get together to determine/clarify the process and bring a proposal to the board.

Financial Update

GR shared a financial update for the school, which shows an end of year budget "in the green" of \$91,000, which will most likely be used for painting rooms in the building and installing a washer and dryer for the school nurse.

CC expressed his appreciation to the team for being so fiscally responsible, and consistently having the discipline to make the hard decisions to lead to this type of outcome, which allows us to continue to do what we do.

Facilities

TH expressed a need for summer facility improvements (including painting, minor wall repairs, a connection to the community park behind the school, etc.). JS would like the school to receive a deep clean. GM is working with an outside company (Harkins builders) to see how we can create a connection to the community park (through clearing out a path between the school and the park and build a ramp). Harkins has not yet gotten back to him on this, but he will follow up. TH would also like for the pictures in the halls of the school to be updated this summer.

GM shared that we have an architect engaged for the middle school project. He has meetings on Friday to follow up on design, costs, and permitting. The plan is to have the middle school building ready to open fall of 2020.

Movement East Business

BR shared that Movement School East was awarded the NC ACCESS grant, which is great news! This grant will fiscally allow Movement School East to launch with grades K and 1.

Proposed Charter Application Amendments

TH motioned for Movement School East to launch K-1. FM seconded. The board voted and agreed unanimously.

Facilities

GM shared about coordination meetings that have happened for the development of Movement School East. It's a tight timeline, but it will happen.

The public rezoning meeting took place last month. There was a decent turnout from the community, who responded neutrally. This is positive from GM's perspective. Site and civil comments were returned to GM, and they are manageable, which is good. The city has been cooperative in helping us work through what's needed. On July 15th we will have a public hearing.

We should receive a rezoning designation by September, which is too late. We are going in with the current (retail) permit, which will allow us to hopefully start construction in September. Once we have the rezoning designation, we will switch the permit from retail to fit the school. This will not change the school design.

Network Business

Admissions and Enrollment

TH shared that we have contracted with Social Design House which is creating a network-wide website to give general information, and point visitors to specific schools. They will not create a new brand, but will codify the brand we have. TH asked JS and AC to create a wish list for what they would like to see on their school website. The goal is to have the website completed by August 30th.

For the 2019-2020 school year, we have 126 students enrolled for kindergarten with about 20 students on the waitlist. We have about 200 students on the waitlist for upper grades. We are pushing our enrollment process up earlier so that we are aware of students who will not move forward with enrollment now, rather than in August. This allows us to move through our waitlist sooner.

We are estimated to have about 480 students total, K-4 for the 2019-2020.

GM moved to adjourn. FM seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:17am.

Closed Session(s): None.