



MOVEMENT SCHOOL

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MOVEMENT SCHOOL BOARD | MEETING MINUTES

8.15.19

Board Members: Casey Crawford, Frank Martin, Garrett McNeill, Montel Watson, Tim Hurley

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

Members Present: Frank Martin, Montel Watson, Casey Crawford,
Jamie Sumter, Tim Hurley, Alisha Carr, Gabrielle Riley, Barbara Robinson,

Guest Attendees: Kimberlee Bielan, Nicole Houchen (parent representatives), Michelle
Crawford

Meeting agendas passed out at 8:55

Meeting was called to order at 9:01TH.

Members reviewed the minutes from the 6.12.19 and

TH motioned to approve 6.12.19 and 6.25.19 minutes. CC seconded. Minutes approved
unanimously.

TH shared a brief introduction of Michelle Crawford and expressed his recommendation for her
to serve on the Movement School board.

MC shared about her passion for education and desire to be a part of the Movement School
board.

MW moved to approve MC as a board member for Movement School. FM seconded. MC was
approved unanimously.

Movement West Business

Academics and Culture

TH shared application numbers for the 2019-2020 school year. There was a 28% increase in
applications, which was mainly driven by “word of mouth” marketing.

TH also shared about teacher applications. Last year there were 125 applications. This year,
there were 245 (for 13 vacancies), which allowed us to select and hire a very strong group of
new teachers this year.

JS shared about the preparation for this school year, and the leadership’s focus on tightening
systems and increasing academic rigor. She also shared the privilege of the opportunity to pour
into teachers, witness their development, and see how their development benefits students has
been amazing!

In 3rd and 4th grades, the co-teaching model that has been implemented has been seamless.
The investment with this approach has already proven to be incredibly beneficial.

TH shared the reading scores and math scores from the 2018-2019 school year through a table that compares Movement School scores with the 9 public schools that are nearest to it.

JS shared that this year's instructional plan focuses on improving the school's scores/increasing the number of students who are considered college and career ready.

JS asked the board to agree to the spending of Title I funds. She proposes to use the funds for reading/literacy intervention (materials, personnel support, professional development),

TH motioned to approve Title 1 expenditures. CC seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

JS reviewed the school-wide goals for this year. The main target of the goals is to see a 10% increase in the number of students considered proficient. Another focus is to increase the number of parents who participate in parent-teacher conferences. The goals outlined move the school towards this goal.

AC shared about the school-wide culture goals for this year. The focus is helping students understand the power of choice (as it relates to academics and behavior). Another focus is improving attendance, and incentivizing students to come to school on time.

JS shared the partnership with Ashley Park Elementary and Wells-Fargo will continue this year for parent engagement. There will be five parent engagement sessions this year. The first session will be in September.

Financial Update

TH reviewed the budget and highlighted the major changes for Movement School. The chart showed a surplus of around 200K. There is a 89K surplus expected for this year, and it is expected to increase based on the trends from this year. A major investment was made in the co-teaching model. There is a savings of 25K savings due to changes in our breakfast and lunch programs, as well as how the school is being reimbursed for food from the state.

Facilities

There was a discussion about ways the PTO and community can support the school (i.e. simple beautification projects, supports for student learning, etc.).

TH shared that there are a lot of people who want to help the school, but a challenge is figuring out the best way to plan and coordinate opportunities for families. TH asked MC and MW to possibly help with this.

CC and AC led a discussion about ways to clear out the connection between the school and the park behind the building. AC will work with members of the PTO to see what possibilities there may be. TH will add follow up to this item to next month's agenda.

Movement East Business

BR shared updates on Movement School East. CA, the Dean of Academics is a wonderful addition to the team. The Student/Family Recruitment Coordinator has been hired and will join the team within the next week.

In July BR and CA began their participation in the Fellows program associated with the NC ACCESS grant. The Fellows program meets monthly, and provides an opportunity to learn from and with charter school leaders across the state.

The Ready To Open process for Movement School East will begin next month.

BR continues to meet with members of the east Charlotte community to learn and share the vision for Movement School East. Recent meetings include County Commissioner for the area, who expressed excitement for the school.

Over 125 interest form submissions have been submitted for Movement School East. This is with very little marketing for the school. It is hoped that once marketing begins, and the website for Movement School East is up, we will see these submissions increase.

BR shared some upcoming events for Movement School East, which include a property beautification event (garbage clean up) this week which is open to all who are interested.

Proposed Charter Application Amendments

BR shared a chart outlining the proposed changes to the Movement School East charter application. The proposed changes are:

1. Projected enrollment (from 100 student/grade to 90-95 students/grade) and an updated budget to reflect the (previously approved) change in launch grades and projected enrollment sizes.
2. Updated language throughout the charter:
 - a. to better capture our hope to reflect the range of diversity within east Charlotte (culturally, racially, economically, ability, etc.)
 - b. to better reflect the instructional approach we plan to implement (i.e. co-teaching model with a 15:1 student-to-teacher ration within the classroom, the use of the Relay approach, and the use of research-based curriculum resources to address the needs of students.

CC moved to approve the changes to the Movement East Charter. FM seconded. The board approved unanimously.

TH opened a discussion on best ways to cultivate founding families for Movement School East. The team discussed several ideas including direct mailings, specific messaging ideas, community partnerships, and eliciting the support of current parents at Movement School (west).

The next meeting will be September 11, 2019.

TH moved to adjourn. MW seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

Closed Session(s): None.