



Board Minutes: May 18th, 2020

Attendees via Zoom: Joan McCulley, Dr. John Moncure, Maria Pryor, Joseph Folsom, Nathaniel L'Heureux, April Wach, Michael Conley, Tiffanie Bucci, Lynsey Doiron and Sharon Huffstetler (PAC representative)

Absent: Brett Perry, Liza Caraglio

Other attendees: Caroline Ferguson, Corin Stellwagen

1. Call to order 6:05 pm by President, Joan McCulley.
2. Public Forum – no comments were received by email or US mail. Joan McCulley explained the new Board process to the other attendees. The new process for virtual meetings was communicated in advance; however, Nathaniel L'Heureux and Joan McCulley will develop another communication to families prior to the June meeting.
3. Minutes of 4/20/2020 meeting – Motion to accept with correction to spelling of 'MAAD' was made by Joseph Folsom. Second to motion made by April Wach. Minutes were approved with correction.
4. Board Information Session – No guest information session. Joan McCulley encouraged Board members to view the 3 MAAD videos on the MSC website. The Charter Institute assisted with the creation of the videos. They are from 3 perspectives – MSC staff, parent thoughts and student experiences. Joan McCulley also read a letter from a parent expressing gratefulness to MSC staff.
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance & Building & Grounds – Joseph Folsom explained how the PPP funds are reflected on the reports. At the appropriate time MSC will provide necessary documentation to First Palmetto requesting that they submit a request for monies to be a grant. No questions on the March or April financial reports. Building and Grounds is currently only maintaining mowing of the lawns.
 - b. Governance – In his committee report Nathaniel L'Heureux provided copies of the approved changes to the Public Forum rules. The changes were used beginning with this meeting. The committee report also included a draft revision to the Board Manual related to the requirements for Board members to visit/observe an MSC classroom annually. The revision provides other alternatives for Board members to reflect their commitment to MSC. Nathaniel L'Heureux made a motion to approve the revision. April Wach seconded the motion. Motion approved. The specific wording of the revision can be found in the committee report. Nathaniel L'Heureux also reported that a sub-committee is working on revisions to the Leadership Vacancy Plan in the Board Manual.

c. Strategic Plan – Michael Conley reported that the consultant is doing research on other Montessori/charter schools. Committee is planning to wait until school reopens to begin work with the consultant team.

d. Fund Development – April Wach reported there is no update.

e. Community Relations – Michael Conley reported there is no update.

f. Nominating – Nathaniel L’Heureux reported there is no update.

g. PAC President Report – No report

h. Policy Review – Lynsey Doiron reported there is no update.

i. Audit – No report

j. Evaluation Criteria – Maria Pryor reported there is no update.

6. Headmaster’s Report –No questions on the Enrollment status reports for 2019-20 and 2020-21. Dr. Moncure highlighted a few items on his Headmaster Report – the Re-entry Working Group is working on developing alternative plans for returning to campus. Dr. Moncure also reviewed the parent survey results regarding return to campus. Parents are not yet ready for school to reopen for the Summer Intersession. The MSC Special Needs Review rating is “Meets” on 34 of 36 criteria and “Approaching Expectations” on the other two.

7. Old Business – No topics.

8. New Business — Joan McCulley reviewed some of the highlights of things being considered by Accelerate SC ED for school reopening. Health is first priority. The committee will likely recommend a Nurse be available at every school as well as some type of counselor. Schools can request grants from the state for infrastructure changes and to improve purchasing power for materials. The committee will first issue its recommendations for Summer programs. Fall reopening recommendations will be later. Joan McCulley will send the Board the link to the committee information.

9. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m. Next meeting will be June 15th.