

Governing Board Minutes
12 February 2020

Board Attendees: Karen Antonacio, John Cook, Kevin Emerson, Angela Funya, Adam Malisch, Pam McLeod, Roberta Sola, Richard Carey, Merrie Beth Nauman, Colby Nelson

Board Members Absent: Carrie Campbell, Christina Allee, Sandi Imbriale, Mike Kantor, Shannon Norris, Donna Poudrier

Committee Attendees: N/A

Community Attendees: N/A

| Agenda Item | Action |
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| Convened at 05:33 PM | None |
| PUBLIC Comment: None | Discussion |
| MOTION: Approve the Jan Minutes | VOTE 10-0 |
| AGENDA ITEMS <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Board development – Roberta discussed a webinar offered by Maryland Association of Charter Schools – in support of new board members or as a refresher to what it means to be on a charter school board. Video is on-demand and launches on March 5.<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Roberta will watch it and see if it is worth passing along. She will let us know at the next board meeting (add action item to agenda for the March meeting).- Timeline for board elections – Merrie Beth.<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Three members will end their terms (Mike, Colby, Roberta) – Currently, Roberta will head the election process.o If she reruns she will hand the process to someone else for interviews and elections. Asks that these people let us know who will be re-applying.o Merrie Beth wants to be deliberate about who will be on the board, and think about it before elections.o Adam M. asks about amending the bylaws for more board members – has been voted on already.o Merrie Beth is interested if we can only elect board members during the one time a year. Probably OK. We need to think about ‘timelines for elections.’ We ask that folks that will re-run will let Merrie Beth know by the next board meeting.- Merrie Beth wants the vote for current board before the town hall. So that this information could be made public. In the past the membership voting was done at town hall for the parent representative, while in the following month nominations were put forth, and then there was no final discussion of the leadership. If we do things earlier, we can do June Exec.- Maybe a mid-meeting electronic vote for leadership so that things can be expedited a bit? Bylaws says this has to be done at a board meeting IN | DISCUSSION |

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| <p>JUNE, so it looks like that might be how it has to be without amendment of the by-laws.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christina will not be secretary next year. This role needs to be filled. - Alcohol license for vintage : has to be signed by all members of exec committee and needs 5 signatures. Shannon Christina Merrie Beth and Roberta will figure it out. - Usually the board contributes an item for vintage affairs – board games by the board. Let's do it. Need to organize for no duplicates. Roberta will share a doc to sign up for games. Need to have them soon – by Friday Feb 21. Donations in Pam's office. | |
| <p>Director's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BOE meeting report. The county calendar is contentious with the before/after labor day start date. Calendar is now in second reading, next time they will vote – next week. - Hogan wants to push the mandate for starting after labor day through the legislature again – we will see. - Lottery has been drawn – letters went out today. 24 or so acceptances already. 25 of the 54 students for K were siblings of current students. 3 are already on Free and reduced list. 13 more free and reduced more were accepted (16 total F & R students). - Colby asks how number of apps compares to previous years – 100 or so less this year than last year. 450 is normalish – 407 this year. No good ideas about why. This year was a huge K application year, less in other grades. Siblings on waiting list 4th grade and up. - Kirwan commission: The commission looks at how much state gives based on taxes (wealth) in the local community. Wealthy counties get less from the state. St. Mary's is low in the state with contribution to education based on low state money plus low county money. This year our county put new money towards honoring a negotiated agreement for staffing (to increase retention) because the county would not support it. For next year, it is possible the state funding will go down based on this that would leave the county at a deficit (based on using the Kirwin money to fill the gap before). Colby is looking at a MAPCS (MSCA MABE, etc) coalition for blueprint for Maryland future – pressure to follow Kerwin recommendations. Colby is looking to maybe have some of us join in on that. There is a meeting Feb 17 in the house office lobby 10:30 AM. Merrie Beth will send flyer to the board. Pam will send to the families. - About to roll in to testing season, so the school will be busy with that - More detailed budget conversations in the next month or two. | <p>DISCUSSION</p> |
| <p>AGENDA ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFP Update- Merrie Beth will send the one received proposal to the board. Kevin and merrie beth meeting Thursday to discuss, and will report back to the board via email with what we suggest doing. This may lead to a vote to respond that would happen via email to speed the process along, rather than waiting to vote until the next meeting. • Geothermal update – First a big thank you to Pam for the media center and geothermal crisis work! ☺ Need to jackhammer in pump room to look for | |

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| <p>leak. Big project. Pam is documenting everything. Hopefully we can dig in the next month. The leak has been isolated and stopped for now.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam – The media center HVAC – need to zone off Clapp’s room Bowes coming on the 18th to get that zoning done. Remainder of bookcases to be completed in the next week or so. County is installing sensors on all doors to be tied in to an enunciator panel in the front office. This will show when a door has been propped open. The protective window film will be put on inside the building (from the county). • Kevin updated the board on a few grant leads that he is looking at (anti bias with Gascon, athletics with Collins and Calabro, and art-in-education with Jackson and Tyson). He will look in to options that could help support the garden. • The board spent a good deal of time talking about getting the garden running again. • Colby is working with an SMCM student to shoot edit and direct a promotional film for the school. Right now researching similar videos. Free! 3minute ish. This is a nice interaction with the college to work with college students at CPCS sometimes – maybe long term vision. Newsletter is up and running again with Kate Muchnik agreeing to take our materials and make them look pretty. Digital and hard copy distribution. • Johnny – The round buildings (Kessler buildings) were given to the homeless shelter? Maybe work with the tax assessors to find out who owns the local buildings so we have some say in what happens? Agenda item next month for an update on local buildings • Next meeting march 10 – Merrie Beth can’t make it. Roberta is in charge. • On the lease – the county thinks we need a lease with ourselves. We might have an old one. Next steps – dig up what we have and then use that to start a discussion with the lawyer. | |
| <p>Future Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 10, 2020 • April 21, 2020 (5:00 PM Start) • April 21, 2020 (Second Town Hall – Parent Representative Vote) • May 12, 2020 (2020-2021 Membership Vote) • June 9, 2020 (Executive Membership Vote) • July 14, 2020 (FY2020-2021 First Board Meeting) | |
| <p>Action Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need to review the talking points and adjust to when things are released (Exec discussion) 2. Possible Board Development Topics 3. Determine path for reviewing standing and annual goals 4. Remainder of sections of the bylaws 5. Send copies of RFP to Board (Jan 2020 added) 6. Engage with Lawyer for draft lease (Jan 2020 added) 7. Queen of Hearts fundraiser (Jan 2020 added) 8. Bond Bill Follow-up (Jan 2020 added) | |
| <p>Adjourn at 7:03 PM</p> | |

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| ADDENDUM VOTE: Accept the proposal and push forward with making the contract with Maryland Nonprofit. | VOTE 9-0 from emails |
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