



MPTCS Board of Trustees
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Marion P. Thomas Charter School Board of Trustees Meeting

June 28, 2021 | 6:00 PM ET

Zoom:

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Open Public Meetings Act - 6:12

A. The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (“Act”) was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of, and to attend meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Marion P Thomas Charter School Board of Trustees has caused notice of this meeting to be advertised by having the date, time, and place thereof posted on the MPTCS website, in the office of the Clerk of the City of Newark, and was published in the Star-Ledger in June 2021.

2. ROLL CALL

A. The following individuals are voting members of the Board:

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Vincent Rouse			Julio Valdivieso	x	
Dashay Carter	x		Allan Boomer		x - Delayed
Jason Denard	x		LaSonya Nevius	x	
Briana Gilchrist	x				
Dr. Princess Towe		X (proxy)			

Non-Voting Board Members Present	
Elijah Griffiths (Interim Board Secretary/Administrator)	Tina Jalloh (Board Attorney)
Bima Baje (Interim School Board Administrator)	



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3. BOARD MINUTES

A. Approval of Board Minutes June 7, 2021

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		X				Julio Valdivieso		X			
Dashay Carter		X				Allan Boomer					
Jason Denard		X				LaSonya Nevius		X			
Briana Gilchrist	X	X									
Michelle Jones		X									
Tia Morris											
Dr. Princess Towe											

B. Approval of Agenda : Approve of Agenda June 28, 2021

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		X				Julio Valdivieso		X			
Dashay Carter		X				Allan Boomer					
Jason Denard		X				LaSonya Nevius		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X									
Michelle Jones		X									
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4. CHAIRMAN UPDATE

5. Finance Report

APPROVE the BSR/Finance Report: June Bill List, BSR May 2021, and 2021-05 TRPT MPTCS

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter		x				Allan Boomer				x	
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist	x	x									
Michelle Jones											
Tia Morris											
Dr. Princess Towe											

6. RESOLUTIONS

A. Submission of ESEA Consolidated Grant 21-22

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter	x	x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist	xx	x									
Michelle Jones											
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B. Submission of IDEA, Part B , Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		X				Julio Valdivieso		X			
Dashay Carter	X	X				Allan Boomer		X			
Jason Denard	XX	X				LaSonya Nevius		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X									
Michelle Jones											
Tia Morris		X									
Dr. Princess Towe											

C. High School Summer Enrichment Trips - 2021

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		X				Julio Valdivieso		X			
Dashay Carter		X				Allan Boomer		X			
Jason Denard	X	X				LaSonya Nevius		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X									
Michelle Jones		X									
Tia Morris	XX	X									
Dr. Princess Towe											

Discussion:

- B. Gilchrist thinks it's a wonderful idea to bring back alumni to share their expertise.
- J. Valdivieso is concerned about safety being we're still presently in the pandemic - overall still positive towards the engagement



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D. DWC Security

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse	x	x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter		x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x									
Tia Morris											
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

Discussion

- DWC is lead by Dan Christofferson, retired captain - has been providing services to the village since 2005

E. Summer Culinary Enrichment: M. Speight & K. Williams, Alumna

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter	x	x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x									
Tia Morris	xx	x									



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discussion:
chef stipend for garden in addition this
engagement with the alumni as well for deep
cleaning? - julio/tannis

F. Special Education Support for IEPs

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter		x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard			x			LaSonya Nevius					
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x									
Tia Morris											
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

G. MPTCS Summer Technology Interns

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter	x	x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x									



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Tia Morris	xx										
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Discussion

- What do they do? Passion for tech, working with avery? (J. Valdivieso)
 - Tech project/admin support - gearing up for start of 21-22 school year across sites. Working with Avery and associate director.
- How would this normally be carried out if not scholars? (Dr. Tannis) - *Avery to join and give feedback.*
 - Avery - we used to have an IT team in house, opening up the opportunity to scholars to manage the processes.

H. New Hires - 2021-2022 SY

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter	x	x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x									
Tia Morris	xx	x									
Dr. Princess Towe											

I. Rescind Appointment for 2021-2022 School Year

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso	xx	x			
Dashay Carter	x	x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius		x			



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Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x									
Tia Morris		x									
Dr. Princess Towe											

J. Additional CST Summer Staff

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse	xx	x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter	x	x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x									
Tia Morris		x									
Dr. Princess Towe											

K. Additional Summer School Staff

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent



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Dashay Carter	x	x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard	xx	x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x									
Tia Morris											
Dr. Princess Towe											

L. Title Changes

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter	xx	x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x									
Dr. Princess Towe											

Discussion

- D. Carter - changed managing director (non-academic cert) from directors to distinguish from certs on academic side vs. operational side

M. Resignations

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent



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Dashay Carter	x	x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones											
Dr. Princess Towe											

N. Leaves of Absence

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter	x	x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard	xx	x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones											
Dr. Princess Towe											

O. NJSIG Application for 21-22

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso		x			



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Dashay Carter	x	x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard	xx	x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones											
Dr. Princess Towe											

6. PUBLIC COMMENT - No Speakers registered/present

7. CLOSED SESSION -

7. CLOSING REMARKS FROM BOARD CHAIR:

Thank you to all for your hard work and dedication to the village. Thank you Dr. Tannis for your leadership and stewardship thus far -- again, welcome our New CSA, Angela Mincy. A newsletter with more information and next steps will be circulated in the coming days. Have a great evening!

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN 7: 31 PM ET

Respectfully submitted at: 7/6/2021

Submitted by: Elijah D. Griffiths