



Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School of Excellence

Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday May 21, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Location

Zoom - <https://mlkcs-org.zoom.us/j/85942807026?pwd=QmJEbjJsS2c2SHNNanMyL1ExUTgzdz09>

Trustees Present

Alton Jones (remote), Darren James (remote), Dean Morneau (remote), Denise Pagan-Vega (remote), Diana Foskett (remote), James Lightfoot (remote), Jennifer Wallace-Johnson (remote), Kiyota Garcia (remote), Teremar Rodriguez-Vazquez (remote)

Trustees Absent

Kailey Boyd

Guests Present

Kendra Salvador (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Teremar Rodriguez-Vazquez called a meeting of the board of trustees of Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School of Excellence to order on Tuesday May 21, 2024 at 5:31 PM.

C. Meditation

Prepared this week by Jennifer Wallace-Johnson. Tale of the Starfish.

D. Public Comments

No public comments.

E. Vote on Board of Trustees February Meeting Minutes

Diana Foskett made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting on 04-16-24.

Dean Morneau seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Motion to Vote Denise Pagan-Vega so she may serve a second term.

Jennifer Wallace-Johnson made a motion to approve Denise's second term.

James Lightfoot seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Executive Director's Report to the Board

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ESL data doesn't look as good as last year, but we are outperforming our targets. Our criteria was raised despite this. 55% of students hit their target. Denise mentioned that it could be an error by the State, Kendra will provide update when she gets a response to her inquiry.

Finished ELA MCAS, awaiting results. No reply about State visit yet. Received letter back from DOJ indicating case (from 4 years ago) is closed.

Sturbridge Village trip with kindergarten was negative. Venue was unorganized. Racist interaction with group from CT. Kendra called Sturbridge Village and is awaiting response.

Most of 46 suspensions are in school. Out of school is for a day usually.

This Friday staff are going to visit a school that use a dismissal app, potential to use it at MLKCSE.

Second re-design done for parking lot expansion.

Gala speakers have been confirmed and committee is meeting weekly, tickets are available now.

Several recent issues with vandalism, trespassing on school grounds by members of community. Kendra asked for suggestions from board on ways to deter. Potential for increased police patrols, no trespassing signs put up as options.

III. Academic Excellence Committee Report

A.

Review Monthly Academic Data

20-25 teachers will be trained in literacy.

IV. Treasurer's Report

A. April Financials

In good shape currently. Grant funds can be spent until September 30.

V. Board Chair Report

A. Updates

Kendra and Teremar have been recruiting. Encouraged all board members to participate in finding potential candidates. Annual board retreat will be held in July, poll to be sent out later this week to determine exact date.

VI. Other Business

A. New Business

No other business.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Pagan-Vega