APPROVED

Miles Ahead Charter School

Minutes

MACS Board Meeting

Date and Time
Saturday March 16, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Location
Meeting in person at MACS.
4665 Macland Road, Building 300 Powder Springs, GA 30127

Directors Present
A. Lee, A. Turner (remote), D. Laguerre II, E. Miller, E. Quackenbush, H. Lust, J. Toussaint, T. Reese, U. Sayers

Directors Absent
C. Browne-Roberts, C. Menifee

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
D. Laguerre II

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned
D. Laguerre II, E. Miller, J. Toussaint

Ex Officio Members Present
G. Stevens, K. Bloxson

Guests Present
Jordan Troutman

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance / Confirm Quorum

B. Call the Meeting to Order

H. Lust called a meeting of the board of directors of Miles Ahead Charter School to order on Saturday Mar 16, 2024 at 9:12 AM.

C. Confirm amount of people who signed up in advance for Public Forum

D. Approve Meeting Agenda

E. Quackenbush made a motion to approve the meeting Agenda for March 16th.
T. Reese seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Approve Minutes from February 15, 2024

E. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from MACS Board Meeting on 02-15-24.
T. Reese seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Treasurer's Report

A. February 2024-Treasurer's Report

- Dorian gave updates for February 2024 total deposits, total expenses, and total income.
- Dorian then gave an update the FY24 Budget vs Current Forecast
- MACS has at least 2 months of operating expenses in the account(s) as required by the state.
- Kolt discussed projecting funding for SY24-25 based on current student enrollment and demographics.
- Kolt gave updates to funding for the school lunch program as it relates to free/reduced lunch funding. Gregg stated that he will reach out to DOE to support MACS in funding for free/reduced lunch.
- Henry gave updates on the flowchart for utilizing the various MACS bank accounts.

III. Committee Updates

A. Committee Updates

- **Academic Committee (Ashlee)**-met Tuesday, March 12th; discussed TKES and LKES formative and summative assessments; expanding to a second 3rd grade

class for SY24-25; Ashlee serving as the interim Academic Committee chair; Justin resigned from the board on March 12th.

- **Development Committee (Erin**)-Developed a plan for annual activities for each season of the year (i.e. summer, spring, etc.); will work with the PTO to implement activities; Giving Tuesday plan for this year; Henry stated that board members will be allowed to give on a monthly basis; Erin and Angel went through some of the ideas that will be implemented throughout the school year (i.e. quarterly Parents Night Out event-April 12th).
    - *Development Committee needs fundraising goals from the board, purpose of funds, additional needs, and PTO presence in the committee meetings.* The media center and playground are a great priority to raise money. Discussed engaging Victoria to write grants as well as websites such as Donors Chose to support sponsoring the media center and playground. Uso discussed creating a restricted account specifically for donations that are intended for the playground and media center. Creating a one pager to show what donations have gone to and accomplished for the school; this can be shared with prospective donors.
- **Finance Committee** -(see Treasurers Report)
- **Governance (Tracy)**- Last meeting was March 7th; discussed board member profile and skills; Henry created a chart to discuss areas of growth and areas of the board in which we need to strengthen; reviewed the MACS employment contract for SY24-25 and provided feedback.

D. Laguerre II arrived at 9:23 AM.

IV. MACS PTO (Parent Teacher's Organization) Update

A. MACS PTO Update

Kolt shared PTO updates:

- Two members had to roll off but they were able to fill the seats with additional parents; all executive rolls are filled.

V. Executive Director Updates

A. Executive Director's Updates

- Shared enrollment updates with the board. Kolt shared that some recruitment was done at early learning centers.
- Kolt discussed the options for expanding to two 3rd grade classes vs one 3rd grade class for SY24-25. Kolt read a statement from the current 2nd grade teacher in regards to adding an additional 3rd grade class. The board discussed the options for 1 vs 2 third grade classes.

- Uso asked about new students having time and space to learn about MACS expectations and culture; Kolt shared the Bootcamp days in August for new scholars to engage in MACS culture and expectations. The board will vote on this matter at the April 18th board meeting after Kolt gathers more data and information regarding the matter.
- Kolt reviewed the amendment from the landlord to expand to the second building.
- Reviewed the Formal Complaint Resolution from GaDOE.
- Will post RFPs for bus, cleaning, and food services. Kolt shared proposed changes to be added to fiscal policies related to restrictions on contracting. The Finance Committee will update the fiscal polices based on Kolt's recommendations for next board meeting (April 18th).
- Kolt reviewed the results from the Insight Survey for teachers and families. Kolt shared the work she has done with staff to support the weakest areas in the survey Instructional Planning for Student Growth and Observation/Feedback.

VI. Items to Vote On

A. 2023_2024 Sample Teacher Contract:

A. Lee made a motion to to accept the Charter School Employment Contract with the Governance Committee updates.
D. Laguerre II seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VII. Meeting Discussion Topics

A. MACS 3-Year Strategic Plan ... Review At The March 16, 2024 In Person Board Meeting:

- Kolt suggested that we have elongated board meetings to discuss/plan out the 3 Year Strategic Plan.

B. Facility

- Architect Project was approved with fixed prices for the expansion of MACS .

C. Board Chair Followups

- April 17th required board training; everyone is enrolled. An asynchronous training is required to be completed April 30th.

D. Gregg Stevens

Gregg has worked as a Board Governance Consultant; he encourages us to prioritize the Strategic Plan. He also states that MACS board is doing an excellent job as a Year 1 operating school.

E. Executive Session if Required

J. Toussaint made a motion to move into an Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters and student legal matter at 10:56am.
E. Quackenbush seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
U. Sayers made a motion to end the Executive Session regarding Personnel and a student legal matter at 11:15am.
E. Miller seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Public Forum - Opportunity for Submitted Questions from Public

B. Announcements

NBC BLK article will be published on Monday morning spotlighting MACS!
E. Miller left at 11:16 AM.
J. Toussaint left at 11:16 AM.
D. Laguerre II left at 11:16 AM.

C. Next Board Meeting: April 18, 2024, @ 7:30pm, Via Zoom

D. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
H. Lust