

MS Delta Academies

Minutes

Board of Directors of MS Delta Academies

Date and Time

Tuesday April 27, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Location

Tamala Boyd Shaw is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: MDA~Legacy Board Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

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Directors Present

Emily Cupples (remote), McKinley Martin (remote), Sonja Hollins-Alexander (remote), Steve Fortenberry (remote)

Directors Absent

Jacquelyn Brownlow

Guests Present

Ann Krafcik (remote), Dr. Tamala Boyd Shaw (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

McKinley Martin called a meeting of the board of directors of MS Delta Academies to order on Tuesday Apr 27, 2021 at 5:46 AM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Approve Agenda

Sonja Hollins-Alexander made a motion to approve the agenda.

Steve Fortenberry seconded the motion.

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

D. Approve Minutes

Minutes from the March board meeting are not available and will be approved at the May meeting.

II. Executive Director's Report

A. CIPA Policy

Dr. Shaw shared that CIPA relates to Internet safety protocols. The board needs to adopt a CIPA policy to remain in compliance with regulations related to our E-rate funding.

Action items: Dr. Shaw sent a sample policy to board members for their review. That policy is located in the documents portal of BoT.

When the board is ready to vote, a special meeting will be called.

B. Student Promotion Policy

Dr. Shaw shared that while the board has previously approved the policy for students to be promoted from 8th grade to 9th, the organization does not have a board-approved student promotion policy for promoting 6th graders to 7th and 7th graders to 8th. The state does not have a law for this and leaves it up to districts. Dr. Shaw shared the policy used by the local school district. The board discussed options, including retention and summer enrichment policies. Dr. Alexander asked guiding questions about how to better support scholars and engage families throughout the year in the future. All board members expressed support for the policy as presented by Dr. Shaw.

Emily Cupples made a motion to approve the policy for promoting 6th graders to 7th grade.

Steve Fortenberry seconded the motion.

The policy as presented states: "If students fail 3 or more classes OR math and/or ELA, the student will be retained and required to attend summer enrichment. The student must successfully complete summer enrichment in order to pass to 7th grade."

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

C. Financials

Dr. Shaw shared financial documents and overview of current cash flow. She recommended changing the teacher pay schedule from monthly to twice monthly on the 15th and 30th, and she explained the rationale. Board members discussed and were in favor of the change. If approved, the change would be implemented in July.

Sonja Hollins-Alexander made a motion to change to a bimonthly payment system beginning July 1, 2021.

Steve Fortenberry seconded the motion.

For clarification, payments will be made twice per month.

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

III. Governance Committee Report

A. Lease

Mr. Martin shared he has drafted a first amendment to the existing lease agreement and explained how this amendment differs from the current lease. Board members and the Executive Director reviewed the document onscreen and made comments. Mr. Martin updated the draft based on discussion. He will send the revised version to Dr. Shaw.

IV. Academic Committee Report

A. Meeting with Dean Fluker

Dr. Alexander shared what she learned from her meeting with Dean of Curriculum & Instruction Fluker about preparation for the state assessment, including a mock test and safety protocol drill. Dr. Shaw also shared that state testing this week went smoothly and student attendance for testing is close to the goal of 100% participation.

Dr. Alexander discussed acceleration vs. remediation and the strategies Dean Fluker and the academic team are employing to help students succeed, including 21stCCLC, MobyMax, financial literacy, ACT prep, summer programs, AmeriCorps, Books & Breakfast, O.S.C.A.R., community readers, advisory class period, intensive PD for teachers, deliverables tied to PD, curriculum review, and more. She also commended the academic performance to date and Dr. Shaw's leadership.

V. Next Meeting

A. Change of Date

The May 25th meeting has been cancelled. A special meeting will be called in May to vote on the CIPA policy. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 22.

VI. 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 6:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Krafcik

Minutes reviewed and approved by McKinley Martin, Board Vice President
