



Menlo Park Academy Governing Board

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday February 20, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Location

2149 W. 53rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio

OUR MISSION: Menlo Park Academy is a public school that nurtures gifted children through an exemplary program and rewarding experiences which develop the whole child.

Directors Present

Dante Giancola, Fraser Hamilton Sr, Susan Dornan, Suzanne McFarland, Teri Harrison

Directors Absent

Richard Hronek

Guests Present

Jeff Jaroscak, Melissa McCarthy, Sarah Grady, Tara Schmitt

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Teri Harrison called a meeting of the board of directors of Menlo Park Academy Governing Board to order on Thursday Feb 20, 2020 at 6:06 PM.

II. Public Comments

A. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Board Meeting Minutes Approval

A. Meeting Minutes 1/16/2020

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 01-16-20.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

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

B. Meeting Minutes-1/25/20

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to approve the minutes from Strategic Planning Session on 01-25-20.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

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

C. Meeting Minutes-2/6/20

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to approve the minutes from Working Session on 02-06-20.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

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

IV. Sponsor Update

A. Sponsor Update

Jeff Jaroscak spoke on highlights of the sponsor newsletter and the sponsor visit next week.

V. Treasurer Report

A. Financial Statements - January 2020

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to table the financial statement.

Suzanne McFarland seconded the motion.

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

B. FY21 Budget Planning

VI. School Operations Reports

A. Head of School Report

Tara Schmitt spoke on January activities in the school including continuing staff training with Dr, Dillan.

Suzanne McFarland made a motion to authorize Tara Schmitt to execute the agreement with the Great Lakes Science Center pending legal review.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

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

B. Monthly Enrollment Verification

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to acknowledge receipt and review of the monthly enrollment verification.

Susan Dornan seconded the motion.

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

C. Enrollment Update

Tara Schmitt spoke on the re-enrollment numbers as of 2/18/20

D. Communications Director Report

The open house had a good turn out despite the weather. Information nights and free testing days are continuing to draw people in. The new website is being developed.

E. Development Update

Tara Schmitt discussed the Development Plan.

F. Green Wave Recycling: Smartboards

VII. Board Reports

A. Committee Reports

Suzanne McFarland spoke on PEC increasing social emotional development at Menlo.

B. Policy Alignment

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to table the policy alignment.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

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

VIII. Executive Session

A.

Executive Session

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the appointment of a public official at 6:52pm.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

Dr. Jeff Jaroscak and Ms. Tara Schmitt were invited into Executive Session.

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

Roll Call

Susan Dornan	Aye
Fraser Hamilton Sr	Aye
Suzanne McFarland	Aye
Teri Harrison	Aye
Dante Giancola	Aye
Richard Hronek	Absent

Executive Session ended at 7:01pm.

IX. Board Member Election

A. Election

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to elect Tiffany Randle to outstanding Board position as a member of Menlo Park Academy Board of Directors for term expiring June 2022 pending receipt of all required documents.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

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

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to elect Melissa Vacca to outstanding Board position as a member of Menlo Park Academy Board of Directors for term expiring June 2022 pending receipt of all required documents.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

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

X. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the performance of a public employee at 7:04pm.

Suzanne McFarland seconded the motion.

Dr. Jeff Jaroscak and Ms. Tara Schmitt invited into Executive Session.

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

Roll Call

Teri Harrison	Aye
Dante Giancola	Aye
Susan Dornan	Aye
Suzanne McFarland	Aye
Fraser Hamilton Sr	Aye

Roll Call

Richard Hronek Absent

Executive session ended at 7:34pm

XI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to adjourn meeting.

Susan Dornan seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Dornan

XII. Resignation

A. Resignation

The Board acknowledged the resignation of D'Asia Board 1:1 Aid, last day in position to be 2/24/2020. Position to be posted for replacement.