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# Menlo Park Academy Governing Board

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

Working Session

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#### Date and Time

Thursday July 1, 2021 at 6:00 PM

#### Location

Virtual Meeting:

[meet.google.com/rud-xdgg-kgz](https://meet.google.com/rud-xdgg-kgz)

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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.

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#### Directors Present

Dante Giancola (remote), Melissa Picone (remote), Susan Dornan (remote), Suzanne McFarland (remote), Teri Harrison (remote), Tiffany Randle (remote)

#### Directors Absent

Richard Hronek

#### Guests Present

Carol Ryan (remote), Catherine D'Cruz (remote), Marilyn Wright (remote), Melissa McCarthy (remote), Nikki Becher (remote), Sarah Grady (remote), Sarah O'Bryan (remote)

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### I. Opening Items

A.

### **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 Jul 1, 2021 at 6:03 PM.

### **B. Record Attendance and Guests**

## **II. Discussion Topics**

### **A. Edison Club**

Tiffany Randle spoke on a subscription model for Edison club and an hourly rate for drop ins.

### **B. Covid Task Force update**

Susan Dornan spoke on the American Rescue Plan and requirements for the Extended Learning Plan.

### **C. Ripcho Photography Proposal**

Marilyn Wright spoke on changing from Lifetouch Photography to Ripcho Studio School Photography.

### **D. Transportation Proposal- Safe Routes to School**

Marilyn Wright spoke on Safe routes to school. ODT program to provide grant money to provide safety improvements on school routes.

## **III. Enrollment**

### **A. Enrollment, 648**

Carol Ryan spoke on the fall 21-22 enrollment. We are currently at 648 and have reached our enrollment goal.

## **IV. Action Items**

### **A. Extended Learning Plan**

### **B. Accept Resignation**

Suzanne McFarland made a motion to accept the resignation of Cassie Sponseller as of June 23rd.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

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

**C. Phonics in Motion Proposal**

Suzanne McFarland made a motion to table the vote on phonics in motion renewal.

Melissa Picone seconded the motion.

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

**D. Singapore Math Purchase**

Suzanne McFarland made a motion to table the vote on the Singapore math purchase.

Susan Dornan seconded the motion.

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

**E. Hiram House Field Trip**

Tiffany Randle made a motion to approve the trip to Hiram House as presented contingent on thinking about how it will affect the whole floor.

Susan Dornan seconded the motion.

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

**F. Referral Incentives**

Susan Dornan made a motion to pay the referral incentives as presented.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

Jenn Ingraham \$200.00, Amy Kreiger \$200.00

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

**G. Cintas AED Proposal**

Susan Dornan made a motion to Table the vote on Cintas AED Agreement pending more information.

Tiffany Randle seconded the motion.

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

**H. Club Coordinator Stipend**

**V. New Hires**

**A. Enrollment Coordinator**

**B. Teacher**

Melissa Picone made a motion to hire Dan Foley as a teacher at an annual salary of \$40,500 pending reference and background checks.

Tiffany Randle seconded the motion.

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

Suzanne McFarland made a motion to hire Emily Benni as a teacher at an annual salary of \$46,000.

Melissa Picone seconded the motion.

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

Dante Giancola made a motion to hire Kathleen Nadson as a teacher at an annual salary of \$41,000.

Melissa Picone seconded the motion.

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

Susan Dornan made a motion to increase the salary offer for the Dean of Student Life for Sara Kelly to an annual salary of \$52,000.

Tiffany Randle seconded the motion.

The motion did not carry.

## VI. Authorizations to Sign

### A. Vidigami & Macaroni Kids

Melissa Picone made a motion to authorize Carol Ryan to execute the agreement with Vidigami as presented.

Tiffany Randle seconded the motion.

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

Melissa Picone made a motion to authorize Carol Ryan to execute the agreement with Macaroni Kids as presented.

Tiffany Randle seconded the motion.

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

## VII. Executive Session

### A. Executive Session

Suzanne McFarland made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the compensation of a public employee.

Tiffany Randle seconded the motion.

Invited in Marilyn Wright, Sarah O'Bryan

Entered in at 7:42pm

Exited at 8:05pm

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

#### Roll Call

Susan Dornan	Aye
Melissa Picone	Aye
Tiffany Randle	Aye
Teri Harrison	Aye
Richard Hronek	Absent
Suzanne McFarland	Aye

**Roll Call**

Dante Giancola      Aye

**VIII. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

Suzanne McFarland made a motion to adjourn meeting.

Dante Giancola 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 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Dornan