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Menlo Park Academy Governing Board

Minutes

Board Meeting

Working Session

Date and Time
Thursday July 1, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Location
Virtual Meeting:
meet.google.com/rud-xdqg-kgz

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 (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)

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
Dante Giancola	Aye
Teri Harrison	Aye
Richard Hronek	Absent
Suzanne McFarland	Aye
Tiffany Randle	Aye

Roll Call

Melissa Picone 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