



MOT Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday September 28, 2016 at 7:30 PM

Location

1156 Levels Road, Middletown, DE 19709

Directors Present

D. Watlington, J. Taylor, J. Vail, L. Jennings, L. Savino, M. Ali Khan, M. Deputy, S. Stallone, S. Sullivan

Directors Absent

B. Glancy, B. Willis, J. Outten

Ex Officio Members Present

N. Southworth

Non Voting Members Present

N. Southworth

Guests Present

M. Hewett

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Jennifer Taylor stated that Jolene Outten has resigned from the board effective immediately.

J. Taylor called a meeting of the board of directors of MOT Charter School to order on Wednesday Sep 28, 2016 at 7:32 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

J. Taylor made a motion to approve minutes.

D. Watlington seconded the motion.

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

II. Presentation from High School Student Government Association

A. Student Government President will present a request to the board regarding high school dress code

Mr. Emmanuel Ikeocha, president of the high school Student Government Association, presented a proposition to allow students to wear official spirit wear shirts, sweatshirts, and jackets. He shared that he felt this practice would increase overall school spirit and pride in MOT at the high school. Additionally, allowing spirit items to be worn to school would encourage more people to purchase items, thereby increasing spirit wear sales.

"Official" spirit wear is defined as any MOT items whose purchase was approved and coordinated by the school.

He proposed that spirit wear shirts be allowed to be worn every Friday and that spirit wear sweatshirts and pullovers be allowed every day, as long as hoods are never worn up in school.

III. FY16 Audited Financials

A. Review of FY16 Audited Financials

Auditors have requested to postpone their presentation until next month secondary to State wide audits needing to be completed by the end of the month.

IV. Academic Excellence

A. Committee Report

Ned Southworth discussed the following:

1. Creation of a policy regarding transfer credits being allowed from other high schools. Adding this to the handbook
2. Offering high school credit for select MOT middle school courses, specifically Spanish I and IMP I. Discussed adding this to the handbook.

3. Discussing the Honors designation assigned to courses when 9th grade students place into 10th (or 11th) grade classes in Spanish and mathematics. This has created a situation in which there are two distinct groups within the same class - some receiving the honors designation and some receiving the regular designation.

Refer to Agenda Documents.

V. Facility

A. Committee Report

Have not met.

Gym update - waiting for USDA approval of change order to begin construction.

Linda suggested that we add overhangs on exterior doors to decrease likelihood of water coming into the building onto the wooden gym floor.

VI. Finance

A. Committee Report

Dave discussed the meeting information

VII. Strategic Planning & Development

A. Committee Report

Jennifer Taylor shared that there was no meeting but discussed the initiatives that are currently being implemented.

VIII. Head of School Report

A. Head of School Monthly Report

Ned Southworth reviewed the power point presentation.

IX. Other Business

A. Board Member Terms

L. Savino made a motion to Continue the terms of Jennifer Vail and Steven Stallone.

M. Ali Khan seconded the motion.

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

B. Officers

L. Savino made a motion to Extend the current officers until the next term.

M. Ali Khan seconded the motion.

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

C. Board Training

D. Website e-store Portal

Jen previously commented.

E. High School Gym Update

Linda previously commented.

X. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

J. Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

M. Ali Khan 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 8:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Taylor