



MOT Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday January 25, 2017 at 7:30 PM

Location

1156 Levels Road, Middletown, DE 19709

Directors Present

B. Willis, D. Watlington, J. Taylor, J. Vail, L. Jennings, L. Savino, M. Ali Khan, R. Carroll, Jr., S. Stallone

Directors Absent

B. Glancy, J. Outten, M. Deputy, S. Sullivan

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

J. Vail, S. Stallone

Ex Officio Members Present

N. Southworth

Non Voting Members Present

N. Southworth

Guests Present

E. Elston, M. Hewett, T. Howarth

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Taylor called a meeting of the board of directors of MOT Charter School to order on Wednesday Jan 25, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

L. Jennings made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 11-30-16 Board Meeting on 11-30-16.

B. Willis seconded the motion.

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

II. Guest Presentation

A. Presentation from Horace Mann Insurance. Dieter Hofmann and Kevin Lammers

Deiter Hofmann and Kevin Lammers presented options available for educators. They will provide seminars for faculty and staff on topics ranging from student-loan forgiveness and financial success to donorschoose.org opportunities and retirement systems workshops. They also provide sponsorships for teacher and student awards.

III. Administrative Team Presentation

A. K8 Climate & Culture Update

Terry discussed changes to the climate and counseling program at the K8 Academy. This year we made schedule changes to allow Cara and Allison more time with students. They have been working with a variety of programs to help students refocus, retool, return. MindYeti is a meditation program that has seen some success so far this year. Goal is to be proactive instead of reactive. 6th graders have been participating in a mentoring program. Climate and Culture Committee (C3) has been coordinating monthly homeroom meetings. They are also planning a schoolwide assembly paring older and younger students and a literacy month program in March.

J. Vail arrived.

S. Stallone arrived.

IV. Academic Excellence

A. Committee Report

Committee presented on recent discussion surrounding honors programming at the high school, course weighting and honor roll breakdowns. Faculty will work this spring to design a pilot program that will allow all students to pursue honors-level work by completing a designated set of assignments and tasks. This would allow us to continue the practice of having mixed-ability classrooms while providing opportunities for additional enrichment and challenge. Moving forward AP courses will be given weight of 1.0 on the

4.0 scale, honors courses will receive .5 on the 4.0 scale. The Principal's List designation will continue to be for students will 93 or above in all classes during the marking period. A High Honors designation will be added for students with 90 or above in all classes. An Honors designation will be given to students with an 83 or above in all classes.

V. Facility

A. Committee Report

Committee provided an update on the high school gym construction, which is proceeding on schedule. Steel is going up. There was discussion of change orders due to additional entrance canopies, HVAC and foundation changes, winter protection (due to a later start than anticipated), and the sewer line tie in.

VI. Finance

A. Committee Report

Committee did not have an official meeting, but committee chair, business manager and head of school met to review financials.

VII. Strategic Planning & Development

A. Committee Report

"Teacher wish list" page on the website it ready to go and should be up in the next week. This will allow parents and community members to make donations towards specific needs as specified by individual classroom teachers.

VIII. Head of School Report

A. Head of School Monthly Report

Head of School reviewed the powerpoint presentation.

IX. Other Business

A. Board Training

Board finance training is required for new board members and new CBOC. Training is available, with an RSVP date of 1/31/17. Ned will forward email containing training info to all new members.

X. Executive Session

A. Personnel discussion

Adjourn to Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

Adjourn from Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

XI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

R. Carroll, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

M. Ali Khan seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** 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 8:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Taylor