



MOT Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday July 29, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Location

Virtual Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 713 6397 4080

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Directors Present

J. Taylor (remote), L. Jennings (remote), L. Savino (remote), M. Ali Khan (remote), R. Carroll, Jr. (remote), S. Stallone (remote), S. Sullivan (remote), T. Piser (remote)

Directors Absent

D. Watlington

Ex Officio Members Present

N. Southworth (remote)

Non Voting Members Present

N. Southworth (remote)

Guests Present

E. Greene (remote), F. Schilling (remote), J. Camponelli (remote), J. Scali (remote), M. Hewett (remote), M. Weiss (remote), S. Noll (remote), T. Howarth (remote)

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 Jul 29, 2020 at 7:05 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

L. Savino made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 05-20-20.

S. Stallone seconded the motion.

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

II. Board Governance

A. Committee Report and discussion items

B. Addition of community board member

Jennifer Taylor reviewed the bylaws to discuss adding a board to add Lilian Latan to the board at this time to allow her to attend this meeting.

There was a discussion with the board regarding the process of selecting members.

J. Taylor made a motion to immediately admit Lilian Latan to the board.

L. Savino seconded the motion.

Mr. Ali Khan questioned the process of admitting people to the board and this was discussed.

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

C. Process for adding parent board members

We are sitting at 10 board members and we are allowed to have 12. Jennifer Taylor talked about selecting parents to admit to the board. Jennifer discussed the current make up of the board. She determined that there needs to be more representation for the lower grades within the school. The board was in agreement with adding 2 more board members to allow representation of the lower grades within the school.

Nomination process: in the past anyone in the school had the ability to apply to the board.

The board members had the ability to discuss this process to allow potential parents to apply.

A committee will be created to review the applicants to allow them to propose to the board.

The committee to review applicants will compose of Mir Sadiq Ali Khan, Jennifer Taylor, Linda Jennings, Travis Piser, Steve Stallone, Rick Carroll, Sam Sullivan, and Lou Savino.

This committee is scheduled to start working on this process in September, 2020.

III. Academic Excellence

A. School Calendar Review and Learning Plans for 2020-2021 Academic Year

The 2020-2021 school calendar was reviewed. A discussion was held about adding professional development time. This was determined not to be needed.

M. Ali Khan made a motion to push back the start of school to 9/2/2020.

S. Stallone seconded the motion.

This was proposed to allow for the school to adjust to any changes imposed by the Governor of Delaware rulings.

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

B. Teaching & Learning Subcommittee

C. Logistics & Operations Subcommittee

Faye Schilling and Terry Howarth discussed their committee. Faye discussed how this committee focused on a hybrid return to learning at the school. The basic premise is that a group that attends would be 2 days in a row followed with the rest of the days remotely. The students would be cohort alphabetically by last name. This would ensure that students in the same family would attend on the same day. The days the students attend the classes in different rooms. The times to change would be staggered. Terry discussed the logistics regarding how the students would attend safely. The start of classes would be 9 am. There is a concern with eating lunches in the classrooms. There is a concern about students having a full day with a mask on and with teachers also addressing the students that are attending remotely for the day.

D. Health & Wellness Subcommittee

Mitch Weiss talked about this subcommittee. The information that this committee presented are located in the agenda. This committee focused on the in person learning recommendations to foster a safe environment. Mitch discussed about reaching out to parents to ensure that the student understand the rules while in the building. Sports would be dictated by DIAA recommendations once they are published.

E. At-risk Students Subcommittee

Jenna Camponelli discussed this subcommittee. This focused on special education/at risk students within the school.

IV. Finance & Operations

A.

Committee Report

The monthly reports were reviewed and we are on budget. We discussed the 2020-2021 school year budget.

B. Approve Budget for 2020-2021 Academic Year

J. Taylor made a motion to adopt the budget for the 2020-2021 academic year.

L. Jennings seconded the motion.

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

V. Head of School Report

A. Head of School Monthly Report

This report was reviewed by Ned Southworth and the information is located in the agenda.

J. Taylor made a motion to start the school year on 9/2/2020 remotely.

S. Sullivan seconded the motion.

The feasibility to return to either a hybrid or a full attendance program will be made on a continues basis.

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

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Sullivan