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Making Waves Academy

Minutes

October MWA Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday October 17, 2019 at 10:30 AM

Location

4123 Lakeside Dr, Richmond, CA 94806 (Upper School Library)

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Todos los miembros del público deben recoger una etiqueta de visitante en la oficina principal para entrar a la escuela durante el horario escolar. De acuerdo con la Ley Brown, no es necesario que proporcione su nombre para asistir y el registro es voluntario, pero se requiere una etiqueta de visitante para mantener el campus seguro.

Los miembros del público que asisten a las reuniones de la junta deben permanecer dentro del lugar de reunión designado y no se les permite caminar por el campus por razones de seguridad. Tras la suspensión de la junta, los visitantes deben salir del campus.

Directors Present

Alicia Klein, Burak Gursel, Daryle Morgan, Margaret Watson, Maricela Navarro

Directors Absent

Esther Hugo, Jessica Laughlin, Layla Naranjo

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned

Daryle Morgan

Guests Present

Angela Garay, Antonio Martinez, Ashley Yarbrough, Athena Draper, Ben Arizmendi-Calvert, Brandon Greene, Caitlin Shelburne, Cedrice Bennett, Christine Dougan, Darcy Heppenstall, Dominique Moss, Elizabeth Martinez, Eva Yabar, Evangelia Ward-Jackson, Hung Mai, Jennifer Pellegrine, Jon Siapno, Jonathan Hemelberg, Jonathan Wright, Marthaa Torres, Melissa Macho, Patrick O'Donnell, Rachel Navarro, Tracey Mansfield, Vanessa Caigoy

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Alicia Klein called a meeting of the board of directors of Making Waves Academy to order on Thursday Oct 17, 2019 at 10:33 AM.

C. Motion to Reorder the Agenda

Motion to move items IV and V forward and move II. D-H to the end of the agenda.

Maricela Navarro made a motion to approve the reorder of the agenda.

Margaret Watson seconded the motion.

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

D. Closed Session

Board adjourned to closed session and took no action.

E. Public Comments

Speaker 1: She is following up on her comment that her son was bored and is concerned about his declining test scores. She is requesting an individualized plan for the student so that he can improve.

Speaker 2: Parent representative for School Site Council (SSC) and the 24th Wave. Thanked the board for providing information in Spanish during Board Meetings and SSC meetings. Parent asked the Board to consider moving the meeting time to the evenings on behalf of other parents who have reached out to her.

II. Standing Reports

A. Adjusting for Successful Growth

- Pittsburg Update:
 - At the September Making Waves Foundation (MWF) Board Meeting, the MWF board decided not to build a facility for Making Waves Academy (MWA) in Pittsburg due to the political landscape for charters and the climbing construction costs. MWF is still committed to supporting the Academy in Richmond. While it is disappointing to not be able to open a school in Pittsburg, MWF did commit a financial gift to programs that are serving youth and support college access in Pittsburg. The MWA Board will formally vote on the Pittsburg charter later in the meeting.
- Update on WASC
 - MWA is in its WASC accreditation year and in the middle of writing its Self-Study report. The WASC visiting committee will visit MWA in March 2020.

B. Mission Connection: Summer Splash Panel

Dr. Ward-Jackson introduces the panel of 5th graders and the Coordinator for Extended Day and Enrichment.

- Inaugural year for the Summer Splash whose purpose is to introduce students to the campus
- 5th Grade Students share their reflections:
 - The program gave the students the ability to get a "head start" on the geography of the campus and the courses/instructors/staff
 - The students found the experience valuable because they met new people and that helped them feel prepared and to build relationships
 - It was valuable to be able to take the math and ELA diagnostics ahead of time
 - The students think that all incoming 5th graders should take Summer Splash to help them acclimate
 - Students would like for Summer Splash to be longer, to incorporate more time outside, less testing, and more projects

C.

Deep Dive: SBAC Simulation Activity

The Board experienced a practice 5th grade Math SBAC exam and engaged in discussion about the experience of taking the exam.

III. Action Items

A. Board Minutes: September 05, 2019 Board Meeting

Daryle Morgan made a motion to approve minutes from the September MWA Board Meeting on 09-05-19 September MWA Board Meeting on 09-05-19.

Burak Gursel seconded the motion.

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

B. Sufficiency of Textbooks & Instructional Materials Resolution

Maricela Navarro made a motion to approve.

Margaret Watson seconded the motion.

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

C. Bright Path Contract

Burak Gursel made a motion to approve.

Daryle Morgan seconded the motion.

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

D. New Contract/MOU Policy

Daryle Morgan made a motion to approve.

Maricela Navarro seconded the motion.

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

This process was already taking place but the Board is voting to make it an official policy.

E. MWA Pittsburg

Maricela Navarro made a motion to approve the closure of the charter number assigned to MWA Pittsburg.

Burak Gursel seconded the motion.

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

MWA CEO, A. Nelson, provided information on changing legislature and the MWF decision related to MWA Pittsburg.

IV. Consent Action Items

A. Consent Items Vote

Burak Gursel made a motion to approve the consent items.

Daryle Morgan seconded the motion.

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

B. Alliant MOU -- Teacher Residency

C. Alliant MOU -- General

D. MyLexia Renewal

E. Cisco Smartnet Support Renewal

F. Consent Items Vote

V. Non-Action Items

A. California Dashboard Overview

Director of Compliance and Data & Information Systems Administrator present on the 2019 CA Department of Education Dashboard.

- Board members asked questions about the College/Career Indicator
- Board President asked questions regarding self-ratings included in the self-reflection tool

VI. Standing Reports Continued

A. Q&A on Division Director Reports

Board asked questions about the middle and upper school reports.

Middle School

- Board asked for follow up data regarding the summer school gains
- Board asked questions regarding study trip day attendance

Upper School

- Board asked how alignment is happening in absence of an US Division Director
- Board asked the senior leaders to consider how the Board can support them during the vacancy
- Parent Representative asked the difference between 4 year private and public institutions and for that information to be shared with the parents

B. CEO Report

- Board asked questions about current vacancies and what the plan is for filling them
- Board asked how they can support the CEO during these vacancies

C.

Q&A on Written Finance Report

D. Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee

Daryle Morgan left.

E. SSC Update

M. Navarro gives update from October 3rd, 2019 School Site Council Meeting.

- Presentation on Title I funds
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VII. Discussion Items

A. Appreciations by the Board of Directors

Board and staff shared appreciations.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Schedule of Board of Directors Meetings 2019-2020

- December 12th, 2019, 10:30 am-2:00 pm
- February 6th, 2020, 10:30 am-2:00 pm
- March 19th, 2020, 10:30 am-2:00 pm
- May 7th, 2020, 10:30 am-2:00 pm
- June 18th, 2020, 10:30 am-2:00 pm

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Martinez