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# Making Waves Academy

## Minutes

### Curriculum Review Advisory Committee

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#### **Date and Time**

Thursday October 21, 2021 at 10:30 AM

#### **Location**

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#### **Committee Members Present**

Alicia Malet Klein (remote), Alton B. Nelson Jr. (remote), Esther Hugo (remote), Evangelia Ward-Jackson (remote), Jon Siapno (remote), Micah Stilwell (remote)

#### **Committee Members Absent**

*None*

#### **Guests Present**

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Ashley Yarbrough (remote)

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Call the Meeting to Order**

### **B. Record Attendance and Guests**

### **C. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **D. Board Findings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)**

Pursuant to government code regarding the COVID-related state of emergency in California, the committee voted to hold the meeting virtually.

## **II. Curriculum**

### **A. Introductions, Orientation to the Agenda and Overview**

CEO Alton Nelson set the context for the meeting within the greater challenges facing the school and the education sector as MWA has returned to in-person instruction.

### **B. Rigorous Instruction Presentation and Discussion**

Senior Director of Academic Instruction Micah Stilwell led the committee through a discussion of essential questions related to the return to on-site learning, the impact of staffing challenges/culture and climate issues, improving the efficacy of instruction, and recommended adjustments to address all of the above. Board members and CEO supported the recommendations.

### **C. College and Career Counseling Presentation and Discussion**

CCC Director Jon Siapno led discussion on PSAT/SAT testing, historical college/career metrics and projections for current seniors, current course offerings, and possible future scenarios tied to staffing levels. The committee also viewed a recorded interaction with CCC AI bot Watson, including how it uses Calendly and the CCC website to allow counseling appointments and provide answers to frequently asked questions.

## **III. Closing Items**

### **A. Confirm Action Items, Exit Ticket, & Closing Thoughts**

Committee members acknowledged the frank and rich discussion that had occurred on a variety of topics, including some of the most challenging issues currently facing the

school and leaders expressed a desire to bring more of these type of discussions to the broader staff. Board members praised the resilience and perseverance exhibited.

**B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alicia Malet Klein