



Making Waves Academy

Minutes

Curriculum Review Advisory Committee

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

Ashley Yarbrough (remote)

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