Board Retreat

December 1st 2022



Board Intros!

Each board member will share a slide with some information about themselves and why they choose board service.

Sarah

























NGLC in OAKLAND





Where have we been?

Board members received narrative around historical context of UMCS. Board members will each share **one** take away and any questions.

Some history – certainly not all!

- Opened our doors in Fall 2012, at Brann St. campus, started K-2.
- Three Heads of School in first three years, with our third Head serving for three school years.
- In Fall 2017, in first year of current charter term, we had two Interim Co-Heads, and grew to the Mountain Campus (split). (GK chair)
- Krishna was hired in the Spring 2018, and her first year we were at Brann + Pleasant; first 8th grade promotion (GK and then HT chair)
- KF Y2: 2019-2020; split campus, COVID began ~March 2020 (DL chair)
- KF Y3: 2020-2021; mostly virtual; all one campus at Steele St. (DL chair)
- KF Y4: 2021-2022; return to in-person instruction, and all one campus with all ten grades \leftarrow first time in school's history (DL chair)
- KF Y5: 2022-2023; current year! (SM chair)

Where are we now?



Krishna: Story of Self

- My professional history

- What brought me to UMCS

- What keeps me at UMCS

Daniel: Story of Self

- My professional history

- What brought me to UMCS

- What keeps me at UMCS

Story of Now

3 Strengths	3 Challenges	3 Opportunities
Teacher/Staff Diversity	Academic Achievement Gap	Teacher/leadership Pipeline
Financial Management and Stability	Attendance	Renewal!
School/classroom Environments	Facilities	Extended Learning

Where are we going?

If we were wildly successful in progress towards our vision, what would be true and how would we know?



Visioning Work - 6 Themes

- We have security in our facilities that allows us to continually invest in preparing all environments. (facilities)
- Our Anti-Biased/Anti-Racist Commitment and Land Acknowledgement are integrated into all the facets of our work with with students, staff, and families. (ABAR)
- We are a community institution where all families, especially families of the global majority, feel connected, involved, and have access to resources. (community)
- With a full complement of diverse students at every grade level with a healthy waitlist because we are a model Public Montessori program and we share our story broadly. (public narrative/enrollment)
- We have clear, compelling, rigorous whole child growth data that demonstrates all students are thriving. (instruction)
- The community of the global majority, with a commitment to Oakland students and families, have pathways to viable careers in public Montessori education that are typically denied to them through other avenues. (training center)

Goals & The Board Role

Brainstorm

5 min per-

- What are possible ways to measure if we have achieved this?
- What are possible board roles in supporting progress towards towards these outcomes?

Break into two groups

Community, Public Narrative, & Instruction: Kara, Anne, Greg Facilities, ABAR, Staff PAthways: Sarah, Donald, Davis

Chalk Talk / Gallery Walk

Walk around to the posters

Add your thoughts, respond to others in "chalk"

Next Steps

- Krishna & Daniel finalize metrics
- Board provides feedback on goals
- Committees identify and define roles and get feedback from the rest of the board/ HOS on those priorities.



What is one word that is top of mind for you right now leaving this "retreat"?

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