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Urban Montessori Charter School

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday January 21, 2021 at 6:15 PM

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Members: Loren Bentley Tammero, Olivia Couch, Jan Faraguna, Christina Greenberg, Greg Klein, Davis Leung, Hae-Sin Thomas, Stacey Wang

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Directors Present
C. Greenberg (remote), D. Leung (remote), G. Klein (remote), H. Thomas (remote), J. Faraguna (remote), L. Bentley Tammero (remote), O. Couch (remote), S. Wang (remote)

Directors Absent
None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
C. Greenberg, H. Thomas

Guests Present
D. Bissonnette (remote), K. Feeney (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Leung called a meeting of the board of directors of Urban Montessori Charter School to order on Thursday Jan 21, 2021 at 6:17 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Review of Action/Discussion Items

No changes needed.

D. Board and Community Appreciations

Greg appreciated committee chairs, and the incoming
Jan appreciated Hae-Sin for a strong academic committee meeting.

Hae-Sin and Christina joined at 6:20pm.

Daniel appreciated a new incoming staff member, helping cover for a teacher on family leave.
Loren appreciated Krishna and Daniel for the communication schoolwide after the riot on January 6.
H. Thomas arrived.
C. Greenberg arrived.

E. Board Member Comment

None.

F. Presentations from the Floor

No comments on non-agendized items.

II. Head of School Report

A. Head of School Report

Full report is available in Public Documents of this meeting.

Krishna shared upcoming important nights, including NWEA assessment window; first round application deadline for school next year is Feb 5th; enrollment lottery in March.

Daniel shared updates on the Learning Everywhere program. Weekly coaching meetings happening with teachers using data cycles of inquiry. Waseca Reading materials are in use for LE and Primary classroom -- Montessori resources that support early reading that follow Orton Gillingham practices.

Received a grant from First5, to support Primary Classrooms, $5,000 to purchase Montessori materials to give to families to support Learning Everywhere -- materials are being organized now for distribution.

Site Leadership Team met on Jan 4th, twelve staff engaging on a variety of topics, and in subgroups -- equity, data, garden + community partnerships, and student profiles.

Upcoming Parent workshop on Saturday morning -- free for parents, with Vanessa Callaghan, who has worked with UMCS staff.

Third session with Dr. Rachelle Rogers-Ard in February of "Surfacing and Addressing Racist Policy and Procedure." Equity group fo the SLT will build on this work, aligned, and for in-between times

Reopening:
NPBI HVAC systems are purchased, delivered, and in rooms on campus!
Three staff members have agreed to support small scale targeted in-person instruction when other operational requirements are also met.
Have identified families and will begin outreach first week of February to gauge updated interest.

Enrollment:
Applications for next year open right now. 99 applications for Primary currently, LE 23, UE 40, and MS 11. Hae-Sin commented that city-wide, applications turned in are only about 60% of what they had been at the past, particularly in lower grades. Intent to return forms will go out to families in the next seven days or so.

Christina commented about families looking for alternatives from low-quality distance learning. Jan agreed, and called for testimonials from parents and families and students. Greg commented about capturing testimonial on video to share on social media, and also to highlight reopening successes when those come. Christina commented about looking into Facebook ads.

Loren asked about recent/updated parent interest on return to in-person. Krishna shared that this topic comes up all the time when working with parents, such as during IEP meetings, or other conferences. Expects that when the opportunity becomes real, there will be identified families who will want the in-person experience for their student.

No other public comment.

B. Public Hearing: DRAFT: UMCS School Plan for Student Achievement

Davis opened the public hearing at 6:45pm for the UMCS School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA).

Krishna shared broadly starting with the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), and how the SPSA is not usually a tool we use given our structure. But this year for 2020-2021 we are doing a SPSA because there was no LCAP for this year, and instead there was a Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP).

Krishna then shared an overview of the SPSA and three big goals, that align to the prior LCAP, with associated actions. The document is linked on the agenda for *this* meeting. Board committees have each agendized the SPSA and will again in February prior to a vote by the Board. Public has "suggest and comment" access to the SPSA google doc.

For each goal there are actions and aligned funding, which Krishna shared.

Greg commented about keeping an eye out for the upcoming new LCAP template to consider if its prompts helps us think about things that may be needed in SPSA for this year.

No other questions or public comment. Davis closed the public hearing at 6:55pm.

III. Finance Committee

A. Discussion Item - Committee Report, including year to date financial report

Stacey shared the committee report. On track for year end finance goals, with shifts in expenses and revenues -- netted out such that current forecast is $77,000 ending operating income for this school year.

Cash projections remains very tight at the end of this year because of state-wide deferrals.

Statewide, tax receipts came in higher than what was expected. Governor released January budget proposal. Proposed in-person instruction grant isn't yet law and unlikely schools in Alameda County would qualify due to current rates of COVID-19.

For next year, proposing 3.84% increase for LCFF, 1.5% COLA for other state funding streams, like Special Education. But not taking away cash deferrals already in place.

Christina asked about loan forgiveness, and Stacey responded we have not yet applied for forgiveness. That loan cash is included in the cash forecast slides as it was received as a loan.

Stacey shared the multi-year budget development timeline for this Spring.

No public comment.

IV. Academic Oversight Committee

A. Discussion Item - Committee Report

Hae-Sin shared the committee's report. The committee reviewed the County Staff report recently created for Yu Ming's renewal process. Also planning on reviewing the same report for Community School for Creative Education when it is available. Building our understanding how the County implements AB1505. Heavy emphasis CA Dashboard data.

At next meeting, will look at Winter NWEA data. Reviewed recent Chronic Absenteeism data. Committee will be excited to see in-person learning happen for students who need that kind of safe, in-person engagement. Daniel shared at the meeting strategies teachers are using to engage students. COVID rates across the city and county make it hard to believe there will be any large rush back to in-person learning for all, but hopeful around small, targeted support.

Greg commented support for reviewing County reports.

No public comment.

V. Family Advisory Council

A. Committee Report

Olivia shared the FAC report. Community collected $9,722 in holiday family relief funds, and $106.84 was made available to every qualifying student. Krishna shared that the total is now slightly higher, that a few more families received funds.

Kara is the FAC president with a goal around communication and creating more access to the FAC. Meetings planned out more in advance, regular schedule of meetings, and connected often to Family Education nights. Working directly also with Dr. Rogers-Ard.

Worked on planning for fundraising -- currently brainstorming walk-a-thon pandemic options.

Greg commented his appreciation for the report and offered support in planning for fundraising.

No public comment.

VI. Executive & Governance Committee

A. Discussion Item: Committee Updates, including candidates for board service, Form 700, and training

Christina shared the committee's report, including discussing the anti-racist resources Christina shared from a recent conference. BoardOnTrack joined us about some of our School Goals. The committee discussed Krishna's evaluation and being sure Board members complete their portion on time this year. Christina also reminded Board members to complete this year's Skills Assessment in BoardOnTrack and Christina also will share an anti-racist school board assessment for members to complete individually.

Forms 700 due by April 1.

No public comment.

VII. Other Business

A. Oakland and California Updates

Hae-Sin shared the new OUSD School Board has begun it's new term of with new members. Proposed new legislation that would make district-run and charter-run enrollment, recruitment, and school-information services impossible to deliver on. Community engagements will now take place in the coming weeks. Oakland Reach will have an upcoming press conference on this topic.

David left at 7:26 and returned at 7:28pm.

Greg commented that there is lots of good language at the beginning of the policy proposal, but the parts about taking away access isn't about competition. Makes things harder for parents.

Community Advisory Committee commented that the OUSD legislative priorities include that charter-run schools rejoin the OUSD SELPA. Greg commented about how many people have wanted city-wide plans for years for supporting Special Education equitably across governance, including many involved at UMCS. Multiple ways to problem-solve on this topic including, but no exclusively, joining the SELPA. Krishna commented that we have the ability to serve a lot of diagnosis in the general education context.

Hae-Sin shared about a recent charter board training put on by Families in Action. There is a follow on survey for board members to complete. Greg shared that the public can watch OUSD board meetings online and Hae-Sin shared that ACOE board meetings are also online.

No other public comment.

B. Approve Minutes from December 3, 2020 Regular Meeting

S. Wang made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 12-03-20.
O. Couch seconded the motion.
no discussion or public comment.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
G. Klein	Aye
S. Wang	Aye
H. Thomas	Aye

Roll Call

D. Leung	Aye
J. Faraguna	Aye
O. Couch	Aye
C. Greenberg	Aye
L. Bentley Tammero	Aye

C. Approve Minutes from December 3, 2020 Special Meeting

J. Faraguna made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting on 12-03-20.
C. Greenberg seconded the motion.
no discussion or public comment.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

C. Greenberg	Aye
D. Leung	Aye
L. Bentley Tammero	Aye
G. Klein	Aye
O. Couch	Aye
J. Faraguna	Aye
S. Wang	Aye
H. Thomas	Aye

D. Action Item - Vote on General Consent Report

G. Klein made a motion to approve the General Consent Report.
C. Greenberg seconded the motion.
no discussion or public comment.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Wang	Aye
L. Bentley Tammero	Aye
D. Leung	Aye
C. Greenberg	Aye
H. Thomas	Aye
J. Faraguna	Aye
G. Klein	Aye
O. Couch	Aye

E. Collect New Business items for Future Meetings

new LCAP template and adoption when that's ready.

VIII. Return to Open Session

A.

Report out of any closed session action(s)

No action taken.

IX. 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 8:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Klein

Documents used during the meeting

- UMCS-January Presentation.pdf
- UMCS-December Financials.pdf
- 21-0012 Board Policy - Students - BP NTBD - Enrollment Stabilization.pdf
- FullBudgetSummary.pdf
- OUSD Board Meeting Agenda 1.13.21.pdf
- UMCS-PPP Forgiveness Resolution.pdf

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