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Urban Montessori Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday August 22, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Location

4551 Steele Street, Oakland, CA 94619. Ring the front bell or call/text 510-290-4005 for entry. Signage on campus will direct you to the correct room, generally the Head of School's Office.

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Members: Kara Fortuna, Greg Klein, Sarah Morrill (Chair), Amy Ng, Ann Rhodes, Evan Sequoia

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Directors Present

A. Ng, A. Rhodes, E. Sequoia, G. Klein, K. Fortuna, S. Morrill

Directors Absent

None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

S. Morrill

Guests Present

D. Bissonnette

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Ng called a meeting of the board of directors of Urban Montessori Charter School to order on Thursday Aug 22, 2024 at 5:33 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C.

Review of Action/Discussion Items

No changes needed.

D. Board and Community Appreciations

Amy appreciated for Mr. Buck.

Amy appreciated Greg and Daniel.

Ann appreciated Families who signed up to be Buddy Families , and Teacher Ana and Ms. Katie

Greg appreciated Sunflower teachers.

Daniel appreciated the admin and operations teams.

Daniel appreciated the classroom teachers.

Daniel appreciated Amy.

Daniel echoed Ann's appreciation for Buddy Families

E. Board Member Comment

No board comments on items not on the agenda.

F. Presentations from the Floor

No public comments on items not on the agenda.

II. Head of School Report

A. Head of School Report

Daniel shared his report, which is in the Packet for this meeting. There was welcome even last Saturday with lots of families on campus enjoying the yard together.

S. Morrill arrived at 5:39 PM.

Daniel shared that back to school night is September 5th. NWEA testing starts in time for the September PD day, and then the PMAI coach comes in September. The second cohort began training this summer with the new training. 2 UMCS staff along with 3 Twin Oaks Staff are in this cohort. Expanded Learning program ran over the summer, and 141 students are in the program so far this school year. ELOP staff received training from Jori, the new Montessori trainer, to align more with the daytime program. ELOP staff also observe during the daytime, almost like a support teacher in those classrooms. So far the daytime classroom staff have had great reviews for how ELOP has been running in their spaces after school. Amy asked about ELOP staff serving as a pipeline to daytime staff and Daniel replied yes to some degree. During summer PD, teachers prepared classroom environments, reviewed data and planned, aligning curriculum, and developed an instructional leadership team. Daniel shared about soon re-launching school enrollment tours, particularly for current 4 year olds, that new students are joining every day, but not yet at our budgeted enrollment numbers. Attendance so far for students is 96% and staff is above 98%. Fully staffed in the daytime program and currently hiring for additional ELOP Program leaders. For Charter Renewal, the school contracted with

Edtec on the charter and our data and revisiting the issue with the low tier vs the medium tier, and we may need a Special Board meeting to approve the charter or at the September Regular meeting. Daniel shared about how lead in school water has been in the news lately, and all our fixtures are below the EPA threshold, and all but one are below OUSD's more stringent threshold, which OUSD will soon add an additional filter to that one fixture. All the fixtures have other filters. The school is working with OUSD for additional retesting.

Amy asked about ACOE and Daniel shared that it's the state's designation, not ACOE's to change about the tiers. Amy asked and Daniel shared no matter the tier status, we will do the work to be ready to answer all the questions of the lower track. Sarah asked if a five year charter is allowed in the tier track, and Daniel shared he didn't know. Amy asked about other charters having hearings and when, and Daniel will follow up.

No public comments on this item.

III. Academic Oversight Committee

A. Discussion Item - Committee Report

Kara shared the committee's report. The committee had a planning meeting about what data to review at what times of the school year. The committee heard instructional updates, including the summer program and the instructional leadership team, and the work that Tobie is leading with teachers, and also about the curriculum map alignment. Sarah added the great work Tobie shared about the teachers and levels collecting data and sharing with each other each week.

No public comments on this item.

IV. Family Advisory Council

A. Discussion Item - Committee Report

Ann shared about the great work of the Welcome Brigade, the TK/K picnic, and the whole school picnic on campus on Saturday. Buddy Families have launched with some great connections made. Could use a few additional existing Primary families to be buddy families, but was covered by other families. Ann shared about how her own child answered all the questions from the incoming family and child. The FAC will meet soon to reflect on how the back to school went in general and get organized for next year. August 28th is the next regular FAC Zoom meeting. Sept 14 is a Campus Work Day. A committee will soon meet with Daniel regarding fundraising. Ann is also working to recruit candidates to run for the FAC board seat.

Parent Emily appreciated the report.

V. Executive & Governance Committee

A. Committee Report

Amy shared the committee report, including about the Effective School Boards framework and alignment with LCAP. Discussed board member recruitment, including the FAC board rep position. The committee discussed the Head of School evaluation and aligning with the ESB framework. Two areas of improvement Amy offered that the board focused "Goals and Accountability" and "Board Composition." This would include increasing the board size and diversity of experiences and backgrounds. Greg reviewed updating some board procedures around Robert's Rules. The Board discussed rotating dinner throughout the year.

K. Fortuna made a motion to add Greg to the Academic Committee and Sarah to drop from the Academic Committee.

A. Ng seconded the motion.

The board discussed how Sarah will need remain officially on the board, but will need to step away from active board work for the next six months.

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

No other questions and no public comments on this item.

B. Effective School Boards Framework and Student Outcome Goals

Greg shared about the Effective School Boards Framework and the Board discussed adopting it at the next meeting.

No public comments on this item.

VI. Other Business

A. Oakland and California Updates

Greg shared about OUSD's board passing a new policy directing the Superintendent to create a district transformation plan. [https://ousd.legistar.com/gateway.aspx?](https://ousd.legistar.com/gateway.aspx?M=F&ID=112861.pdf)

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No public comments on this item.

B. Approve Minutes from June 20, 2024 Regular Meeting

K. Fortuna made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 06-20-24.

G. Klein seconded the motion.

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

C. Action Item - Vote on General Consent Report

G. Klein made a motion to approve the consent report.

A. Ng seconded the motion.

Greg commented that the regular financial reporting would return for the September Consent Report.

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

D. California Commission on Teacher Credentialing

G. Klein made a motion to approve the declaration of need for 2024-2025.

A. Ng seconded the motion.

Daniel shared about the Declaration of Need document.

No public comments on this time.

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

E. Collect New Business items for Future Meetings

Vote on adopt the framework to be scheduled for September.

VII. Closed Session

A. Closed Session Items

At 7:12p, Amy shared that the board would go into closed session on Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Head of School. There were no public comments on this item.

VIII. Return to Open Session

A. Report out of any closed session action(s)

The board returned to open session at 7:47p. No actions were taken.

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

A. Ng made a motion to adjourn at 7:48p.

K. Fortuna seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. Klein

Documents used during the meeting

- UMCS Finance Training.pdf
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