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Urban Montessori Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday September 19, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Location

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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

Directors Absent

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 Sep 19, 2024 at 5:32 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Review of Action/Discussion Items

No changes needed.

D.

Board and Community Appreciations

Greg and Kara appreciated Goings Outs happening.

Kara appreciated the FAC.

Daniel appreciated everyone who came for Back to School Night.

Daniel appreciated Amy for dinner.

E. Board Member Comment

No board member comments on items not on the agenda.

F. Presentations from the Floor

Emily asked for a future update on the Executive Director's role and duties.

II. Head of School Report

A. Head of School Report

Daniel shared the Head of School report including a huge turnout of families, and gratitude to all who attended and staff who stayed late. Daniel shared that we're in the middle of the Fall Giving drive. Elizabeth Slade from Public Montessori In Action was here today observing classrooms and coaching sessions, and was happy with what she saw. SWEA fall assessment is underway. Admin is going to the Montessori Public Policy Initiative Conference in Washington, DC at the end of the month. There's a teacher PD day on 9/27, which will include looking at NWEA data, PD on SEL skills, and Levels meetings. There's a Parent Engagement Night on the Four Planes of Development at the end of October. Today there was a soft launch of a new website to discuss all of California's public Montessori schools. Student attendance has dipped to 92.6% do to a stomach bug. Considering how to leverage independent study to support students. On renewal, EdTec is now finalizing the Charter Petition with all of the updates from Admin. The Board will hold a special meeting to vote on the charter, and be submitted 10/1 to ACOE. Ann asked, and Daniel responded that yes, Independent study can support both with attendance for kids and ADA for the school. Greg asked and Daniel responded that he would finalize the agenda for the Special Meeting. Amy asked and Daniel shared that the Board can continue reviewing the publicly-available charter document to review it further. Amy asked and Daniel shared that current enrollment is at 346. There's space in TK, and Daniel shared that Krishna is doing follow up from Facebook ads tomorrow with interested families.

No other questions or public comments on this item.

III. Academic Oversight Committee

A. Discussion Item - Committee Report

Kara gave the committee report. The committee looked at IXL data in math. 3rd graders were highest performing, then 4th, 5th, and then 6th. Tobie shared how teachers use the data in Levels Meetings and with students to focus on specific skills. Tobie also shared about the Instructional Leadership Team, and Greg shared more information about the Effective School Boards framework.

Lana asked and Greg responded that he takes minutes live, and the draft is published usually later that night or the next day, and the audio recording usually gets posted later that night or the next day.

There were no other public comments or questions.

IV. Family Advisory Council

A. Discussion Item - Committee Report

Ann shared that the FAC coffee is tomorrow morning. Ann shared that the family fundraising goal this year is \$90,000 and Daniel kicked it off with his Fall Giving message last week. Ann shared about how various fundraising events are being calendared. There will be a Fall Festival on 10/19 at the school, with Arts & Crafts, Book Exchange, Bake Sale, and kick off the two-week readathon.

Lana asked and Kara answered no votes are tabulated until the end of the election period.

Emily shared that the elections for the other FAC roles will be held in the Spring.

No other public comments or questions.

V. Executive & Governance Committee

A. Committee Report

Amy shared the report, and the committee discussed the Effective School Boards framework.

K. Fortuna made a motion to adopt the Effective School Boards framework.

E. Sequoia seconded the motion.

Adopted without objection.

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

VI. Other Business

A. Oakland and California Updates

Greg shared that the County approved Lazear's charter renewal and that LWL and an Aspire school have an upcoming vote with OUSD.

There were no public comments on this item

B. Approve Minutes from August 22, 2024 Regular Meeting

G. Klein made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 08-22-24.

A. Ng seconded the motion.

Approved without objection.

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

C. Action Item - Vote on General Consent Report

K. Fortuna made a motion to approve the General Consent Report.

A. Rhodes seconded the motion.

Amy asked decrease in state revenues in the unaudited actuals from the prior forecast and Daniel shared that he will clarify with connect with Edtec and respond.

Approved without objection.

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

D. Collect New Business items for Future Meetings

Amy offered that the Executive and Governance committee could bring back a draft of student outcome goals and ESB training options.

VII. Closed Session

A. Closed Session Items

At 6:20p, Amy shared that the Board would go into closed session on Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Head of School

Lana asked and Greg responded about what typically happens after closed session and at the end of the meeting.

VIII. Return to Open Session

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

The board returned to open session at 6:51p. Amy reported that no actions were taken.

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

A. Ng made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

K. Fortuna seconded the motion.

Adjourned with no objections.

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 6:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Klein

Documents used during the meeting

- Appendix J-1 - Discipline Plan.docx

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