



## MCCPS Board of Trustees

### Minutes

#### Governance Committee Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Tuesday May 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM

**Location**

MCCPS

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**Committee Members Present**

Christopher Riegler, Cynthia Canavan, David Moore, Jeanne Smith, Kay O'Dwyer, Nichole Thompson, Pam Ferris, Paul Baker

**Committee Members Absent**

*None*

**Guests Present**

Jessica Xiarhos, Rebecca Whidden, Richard Doron, Rodolphe Herve, Victoria Kearney

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**I. Opening Items****A. Record Attendance and Guests****B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Nichole Thompson called a meeting of the Governance Committee of MCCPS Board of Trustees to order on Tuesday May 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

**C. Approve Minutes**

Nichole Thompson made a motion to approve minutes from the Governance Committee Meeting on 04-02-19 subject to changing Section II.A. teachers to teacher retention and adding project-based learning. Governance Committee Meeting on 04-02-19.

Paul Baker seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Jeanne Smith	Aye
Pam Ferris	Abstain
David Moore	Aye
Cynthia Canavan	Abstain
Kay O'Dwyer	Aye
Paul Baker	Aye
Christopher Riegle	Aye
Nichole Thompson	Abstain

## **II. Governance**

### **A. Welcome and Information Session for Prospective New Trustees**

Nichole Thompson welcomed prospective BOT candidates, Jessica Xiarhos, Victoria Kearney, Rick Doron, Becca Whidden and Rudi Herve to the meeting. Committee members introduced themselves and Kay O'Dwyer gave an overview of Board responsibilities and expectations. Each candidate introduced him/herself to the Committee and Committee members asked questions and engaged in discussion. A brief overview of the candidates follows:

- Jessica Xiarhos is a current MCCPS 6th grade math/science teacher. She has a background in special education and is currently working towards her masters degree in curriculum and teaching in math and science, with a focus in STEM.
- Victoria Kearney is a former MCCPS student who values the school and project based learning. She has experience in marketing and grant writing.
- Rick Doron is a parent of a current MCCPS 4th grader. He has a background in finance, entrepreneurship, computer science and analysis and consulting and is a member of the Marblehead Finance Committee.
- Becca Whidden is an architect who works for the MA School Building Authority on K-12 school design projects and has experience with OML.
- Rudi Herve is a parent of a current 5th grader. He has a background in operations and corporate strategy in the insurance and financial services industries and has been serving on the MCCPS Finance Committee for a little over a year.

Committee members spoke about personal Board experiences, diversity, challenges, expected time commitment and expectation of Committee service. The prospective candidates asked questions. Nichole Thompson thanked them for attending the meeting and they left.

After a short break, the Committee discussed the prospective candidates and decided to put forth five candidates for approval at the next BOT meeting. Because Victoria Kearney just started a new job, it was decided that Nichole Thompson would contact her to gauge her interest level and revisit at a later meeting.

1. Nichole Thompson made a motion to propose potential BOT candidate Peter Cheney for approval at the 5/28 Board meeting. The motion carried (5 yes, 3 abstain because they weren't in attendance during Peter Cheney interview).
2. Nichole Thompson made a motion to propose potential BOT candidate Becca Whidden for approval at the 5/28 Board meeting. Paul Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Nichole Thompson made a motion to propose potential BOT candidate Rick Doron for approval at the 5/28 Board meeting. Chris Riegle seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. Nichole Thompson made a motion to propose potential BOT candidate Rudi Herve for approval at the 5/28 Board meeting. Paul Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. Nichole Thompson made a motion to propose potential BOT candidate Jessica Xiarios for approval at the 5/28 Board meeting. Kay O'Dwyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Action item: Nichole Thompson to reach out to Victoria Kearney to discuss interest level and invite her to 6/8 BOT retreat.**

#### **B. Board Meeting Update**

Paul Baker shared Bill Sullivan's report on enrollment.

#### **C. Board of Trustees Training**

The Committee discussed inviting the prospective BOT candidates to the 6/8 Board retreat. There was some discussion of a possible breakout session for new members at the retreat.

### **III. New section**

#### **A. Next Meeting - Tuesday, June 4**

### **IV. 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 9:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeanne Smith