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## MCCPS Board of Trustees

### Minutes

#### Monthly Governance Meeting

November

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#### **Date and Time**

Monday November 23, 2020 at 7:00 PM

#### **Location**

Remote - zoom

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November Governance Meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88166557561?pwd=QVBtMnJMUHVIMU9USWpsLzhzYWFrQT09>

Meeting ID: 881 6655 7561

Passcode: 6394

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#### **Committee Members Present**

Cynthia Canavan (remote), Elizabeth Burns (remote), Karl Smith (remote), Paul Baker (remote)

#### **Committee Members Absent**

Jeanne Smith, Kay O'Dwyer

#### **Committee Members who arrived after the meeting opened**

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Cynthia Canavan

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak, Governor Baker issued an emergency Order on March 12, 2020, allowing public bodies greater flexibility in utilizing technology in the conduct of meetings under the Open Meeting Law. This committee makes a motion to accept this Executive Order for this meeting of the Governance Committee, on November 23rd, 2020

Elizabeth Burns made a motion to Accept the Governor's Order and hold the meeting remotely.

Paul Baker seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Cynthia Canavan Absent

Elizabeth Burns Aye

Kay O'Dwyer Absent

Paul Baker Aye

Jeanne Smith Absent

Karl Smith Aye

Karl Smith called a meeting of the Governance Committee of MCCPS Board of Trustees to order on Monday Nov 23, 2020 at 7:07 PM.

### C. Approve Minutes

Karl Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Monthly Meeting on 10-06-20.

Paul Baker seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Paul Baker Aye

Cynthia Canavan Absent

Elizabeth Burns Aye

Kay O'Dwyer Absent

Jeanne Smith Absent

Karl Smith Aye

Cynthia Canavan arrived.

## II. Governance Matters

### A.

## **Board Meeting Update**

Paul Baker, Dr. Peter Cohen, and Karl Smith provided a brief update of the most recent Board meeting.

Peter discussed hybrid learning approach and noted the plans surrounding the holidays and how additional full remote periods will help mitigate some of the travel concerns raised. He noted that at least 75% of the parents and staff surveyed, approved of this plan.

## **B. Board Composition**

The group discussed memo on board composition and membership.

There was discussion regarding a newly proposed process to have board members interested in serving additional terms. The basic premise is for trustees to indicate to the Governance Committee their desire to renew their term, Governance would consider and deliberate the potential renewal, and then Governance would present that member to the full board for their consideration and vote.

## **C. Bylaws review**

MCCPS has received feedback from DESE with regards to the updated bylaws, and they had specific comments and suggestions regarding the available terms of the trustees, along with the term lengths for the officers. There was some extended conversation regarding these specific areas.

Cindy Canavan wanted to ensure that the members of the board fully understand the updated indemnity provisions, and expressed her concern / reservation regarding extending officers' term lengths.

Ultimately the group agreed that the updates were acceptable and that the final version with the DESE's updates was OK to be re-submitted.

## **D. Read through of Charter document**

With the comments received back from the State regarding the enrollment and potential updates to the stated communities served by the school, we have a chance to revisit and potentially update the Charter document. A few members had read through the current charter and discussion ensued.

This 'guiding document' is designed to be a bit more descriptive and promotional, however several members noted some areas that appeared to be outdated or no longer relevant.

As the updates need to be submitted in August, there is additional time to consider updates or revisions.

This will be included as a standing item on the agenda.

### III. Other Business

#### A. Planning for future meetings

Proposed Monday, December 14th - 7 PM.

#### B. Board training discussion / planning

There are a few open meeting law trainings offered by Maura Healy's office - a few board members have already attended. The board members will remind all of the trustees at the next meeting about the additional session available.

### IV. Closing Items

#### A. Adjourn Meeting

Karl Smith made a motion to adjourn meeting.

Paul Baker seconded the motion.

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

##### Roll Call

Cynthia Canavan Aye

Elizabeth Burns Aye

Karl Smith Aye

Paul Baker Aye

Kay O'Dwyer Absent

Jeanne Smith Absent

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karl Smith

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### Documents used during the meeting

*None*