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## MCCPS Board of Trustees

### Minutes

#### MCCPS Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Wednesday May 3, 2023 at 7:00 PM

**Location**

17 Lime Street  
Marblehead, MA

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/98355446062?pwd=bVg2VzE4bEZUVXJqY0R4UIJnVmZ1dz09>

Meeting ID: 983 5544 6062

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**Trustees Present**

Carol McEnaney, Ian Hunt, Jessica Gelb, Jessica Xiarhos, Katie Holt (remote), Lindsay Smith, Nick Santoro, Paul Baker, Rodolphe Herve (remote), Stephanie Brant

**Trustees Absent**

Tim Wadlow, William Rockwell

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

Ian Hunt called a meeting of the board of trustees of MCCPS Board of Trustees to order on Wednesday May 3, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

### **C. Approve Minutes**

Ian Hunt made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting on 04-12-23.

Paul Baker seconded the motion.

Minutes were not ready for approval at this time and will be voted upon at next scheduled Board meeting.

The motion did not carry.

## **II. Public Comment**

### **A. Public Comment**

There was no public comment at this time

## **III. Board Annual Items**

### **A. Upcoming Meeting Agenda Items**

The Board skipped over this item to deal with more pressing matters.

## **IV. HOS Report**

### **A. Monthly Report**

Interim HoS, Stephanie Brant presented a very informative and upbeat update go where to school and staff are presently at.

### **B. Board Support for HOS**

Board member Lindsay Smith piggy backed on Stephanies' report and gave a brief update to the entire Board regarding the following topics:

Community Meeting protocols

Leadership team coverage through the end of the school year.

Staff contracts

Staff hiring and open positions

SY 23/24 budget and enrollment

Graduation plans

Final Exhibition plans

## **V. New HOS Search Process**

### **A. New HOS Search Process**

Ian Hunt presented outline of the HoS search process that will utilize lessons learned from the previous HoS hiring process.

## **VI. Black Hole Symphony**

### **A. Black Hole Symphony**

Meg Upton presented to the Board and outlined the plan to bring this in person performance to the entire school. Meg further stated that she has Benn able to attain funding fir the entire performance. The Board expressed their excitement and thanks to Meg for leading the drive to bring this fabulous enrichment to our community.

## **VII. Committee Updates**

### **A. Governance Committee**

Nick Santoro and Paul Baker gave a brief update on committee membership and plans for the next few months, most important of which are bringing additional Trustee candidates forward asap.

### **B. Finance Committee**

MCCPS Treasurer, The Right Honorable Rudi Herve the IV, presented a budget update remotely from his palatial residence overlooking the Hudson in the fine Stat of NJ. Together with Jeff, and the rest of the finance committee, it has been decided to budget for an enrollment of 200-210 for the 2023/24 academic year, that should still leave us in the black come the end of the school year.

### **C. Personnel Committee**

Paul Baker shared that the committee had met. Paul had brought the committee up to speed regarding the departure of Dr. Cohen and the Boards' leadership plans through the end of the school year.

### **D. Academic Excellence**

Did not meet.

### **E. Development & Communications**

Did not meet.

### **F. Strategic Plan Committee**

Did not meet. This committee will probably be mothballed until such time as a permanent HoS is hired to allow for their input into a strategic plan.

### **G. Facilities Task Force**

The committee also did not meet. Again, this Committee will probably be mothballed until we, as a school, are ready to move forward with a serious fundraising campaign.

## VIII. Public Comment

### A. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time

## IX. Board Member Comments and Resolutions

### A. Board Member Comments and Resolutions

Lindsay Smith thanked Stephanie Brandt for all of her hard work since she has stepped up as our interim HoS.

## X. Executive Session

### A. Vote to Enter Executive Session

Ian Hunt made a motion to Enter executive session under reason #1 from list of ten purposes for which a public body may vote to hold an executive session, as explained in the OML guide from the Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General: Discuss issues related to the former HoS with no intent to exit executive meeting prior to adjournment.

Paul Baker seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

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

#### Roll Call

Stephanie Brant	Aye
Paul Baker	Aye
Jessica Gelb	Aye
William Rockwell	Absent
Tim Wadlow	Absent
Katie Holt	Aye
Carol McEnaney	Aye
Nick Santoro	Aye
Rodolphe Herve	Aye
Lindsay Smith	Aye
Jessica Xiarhos	Aye
Ian Hunt	Aye

### B. Executive Session

Discussion ensued regarding reason #1 from list of ten purposes for which a public body may vote to hold an executive session, as explained in the OML guide from the Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General: Discuss issues related to the former HoS.

## **XI. 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 9:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul Baker