



# MCCPS Board of Trustees

# **Minutes**

MCCPS Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

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 Passcode: MCCPSbot

# **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

# 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

lan 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 whereto 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 heard 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

Carol McEnaney	Aye
Jessica Gelb	Aye
Stephanie Brant	Aye
Nick Santoro	Aye
William Rockwell	Absent
lan Hunt	Aye
Tim Wadlow	Absent
Rodolphe Herve	Aye
Lindsay Smith	Aye
Lindsay Smith Jessica Xiarhos	Aye Aye
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#### **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