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MCCPS Board of Trustees

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday February 24, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Location
Remote Option Only:

- via Zoom at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/98355446062?pwd=bVg2VzE4bEZUVXJqY0R4UlJnVmZ1dz09

Trustees Present
Carly McIver (remote), Carol McEnaney (remote), Chris Re (remote), Eric Neagle (remote), Ian Hunt (remote), Karen Kagan (remote), Katie Holt (remote), Kimberly Nothnagel (remote), Lindsay Smith (remote), Rachel March (remote), Stephanie Brant (remote)

Trustees Absent
Ellen Lodgen, Emily Promise, Polly Titcomb

Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened
Katie Holt

Guests Present
Jean-Jacques Yarmoff (remote), KD McDonald (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

Katie Holt arrived at 7:10 PM.

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Lindsay Smith called a meeting of the board of trustees of MCCPS Board of Trustees to order on Tuesday Feb 24, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

C. Public Comment

No public comment.

II. Geothermal Study

A. Geothermal study participation

Lindsay Smith made a motion to Support the request by Jean-Jacques Yarmoff to evaluate a community geothermal project for the town of Marblehead through a non-binding letter of support.
Eric Neagle seconded the motion.
Jean-Jacque Yarmoff shared insights into the opportunities that geothermal energy provides for the broader Marblehead community. In particular, the opportunity to leverage the planned construction of a town sport facility to be constructed adjacent MCCPS as a pilot the concept. The presentation ended with a request from the MCCPS board to write a letter of support to evaluate geothermal energy as proposed by JJY.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Chris Re	Aye
Stephanie Brant	Aye
Carol McEnaney	Aye
Ian Hunt	Aye
Lindsay Smith	Aye
Polly Titcomb	Absent
Emily Promise	Absent
Kimberly Nothnagel	Aye
Ellen Lodgen	Absent
Karen Kagan	Aye
Carly McIver	Aye
Katie Holt	Aye
Rachel March	Aye
Eric Neagle	Aye

III. Mid Year Student Data Review Presentation

A. KD Macdonald to present on Student data

KD McDonald shared a preliminary mid-year diagnostic for the school. This analysis provides an early snapshot of student performance. The analysis was based on iReady (Math) and IXL Flex ELA) diagnostics. A deeper analysis and instructional adjustments are ongoing. Typical Growth and Stretch Growth criteria were shared before KDM presented snapshots on both Math and ELA. Data was shared for Overall, SWD and MLL trends, followed by an analysis of each grade. General progress is being made by MCCPS students. KDM also shared that data was explored by the staff at a special PD event. The board explored general trends and challenges with KDM and reflected on the good progress being made by the school, in particular around MLL and SWD students. The board congratulated KDM on the data-driven presentation.

IV. Head of School Report

A. February 2026 HOS report

HoS provided updates on the following:

Mid Year Goal Update

- HoS provided mid-year progress report vs. SY25-27 goals as agreed by the board. Good progress is being made, as highlighted in the mid-year diagnostic presentation by KDM.

Head of School Monthly Update

- Current enrollment is good and on target for 2026/2027 recruitment of 230 students, with the caveat that sending districts still remain low (56% cw target of 80%). HoS shared a detailed breakdown from sending and local districts. Discussion also centered on how the school was leveraging a variety of engagement strategies for new students. This included a successful digital campaign.

Curriculum, Teacher and Learning Updated

- HoS shared updates on science curriculum progress that adds to the positive growth showing in Math and ELA.

30Yr Anniversary Location

- MHD Beacon has now be identified as a location, with sponsorship conversations on going.

V. Board Action Items:

A.

Approve January 2026 Minutes

Lindsay Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Trustees Meeting on 01-27-26.
Katie Holt seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Katie Holt	Aye
Chris Re	Aye
Karen Kagan	Abstain
Carol McEnaney	Aye
Ellen Lodgen	Absent
Polly Titcomb	Absent
Lindsay Smith	Aye
Kimberly Nothnagel	Aye
Stephanie Brant	Aye
Emily Promise	Absent
Rachel March	Aye
Carly McIver	Aye
Ian Hunt	Abstain
Eric Neagle	Aye

B. The Board's Fundraising Role

Topic briefly discussed. Topic to be presented at next months FinCom before sharing with the board.

C. Adopt 26/27 School calendar

Eric Neagle made a motion to Approve the 26/27 School Calendar as presented by HoS.
Karen Kagan seconded the motion.
HoS shared plans to adjust the strategy for PD's to capture more half-day trainings.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Katie Holt	Aye
Polly Titcomb	Absent
Chris Re	Aye
Carol McEnaney	Aye
Carly McIver	Aye
Lindsay Smith	Aye
Kimberly Nothnagel	Aye
Emily Promise	Absent
Eric Neagle	Aye
Stephanie Brant	Aye
Karen Kagan	Aye
Ellen Lodgen	Absent

Roll Call	
Ian Hunt	Aye
Rachel March	Aye

D. Board sponsored MCCPS staff lunch

Kim thanked the MCCPS board for their support for the staff lunch. It was extremely well received.

VI. Board Annual Items

A. Upcoming Agenda Items

No action items.

B. MCPSA plug for board development

Chair encouraged people to engage with the MCPSA as a source for traninig and information

C. Board recruitment and future planning

Chair encourage board to reflect on potential new board members.

D. All board members to fill out financial disclosure forms with the state

E. Board members to complete HOS mid year evaluation

VII. Committee Updates

A. Finance Committee

B. Governance Committee

C. Academic Excellence

D. Development & Communications

E. DEI Committee

F. Personnel Committee

Chris Re encourage everyone to complete mid-year evaluation of our HoS. Deadline is EOW.

VIII. Public Comment

A.

Public Comment

No public comment.

IX. Closing Items

A. Recap Action Items

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lindsay Smith
Lindsay Smith made a motion to Adjourn the meeting.
Ian Hunt seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Ellen Lodgen	Absent
Carol McEnaney	Aye
Emily Promise	Absent
Carly McIver	Aye
Lindsay Smith	Aye
Chris Re	Aye
Ian Hunt	Aye
Kimberly Nothnagel	Aye
Eric Neagle	Aye
Rachel March	Aye
Karen Kagan	Aye
Polly Titcomb	Absent
Katie Holt	Aye
Stephanie Brant	Aye

Documents used during the meeting

- 2026-01-09 Marblehead Application Form .pdf
- 2026-02-23 Prez to CS Board.pptx
- Sustainable Marblehead letter of support for MMLD re geothermal for MAPC TAP grant.pdf
- 2026-01-09 TAP Letter of Support, Town Administrator.pdf
- 2026-01-05 LOS MMLD Marblehead TAP Endorsement Letter JB.pdf
- MHA Cathy Hoog, ED.pdf

- Preliminary MOY Diagnostic Data (1) (1).pdf
- Board Agenda for 2_24_2025 (2).pdf
- 2026-27 School Calendar- DRAFT- updated 2_24.pdf
- MCCPS-November-2025-Financial_StatementsFINAL.xlsx