

MAC School Board Meeting

October 18, 2018

MAC, 3806 North Main Street

5:30 p.m.

Board members present: Catharine Aitken, Bob Jessleson, Shannon Hickey, Marsha Merry, Andy Anderson, Kathleen Warthen, David Turner, Crystal Aldamuy, Elisa Moskovitz, Rosie Craig, Jennifer Morrison, and Jasmine Woodson

- I. Rosie Craig called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.
- II. Approval of the Minutes: Rosie asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion: Kathryn made the motion. Bob seconded. The minutes were approved (0-10).

III. Chair Report – Rosie Craig

1. Rosie asked for a motion to approve new board members: Andy Anderson, Crystal Aldamuy, Kathleen Warthen, and Jasmine Woodson.

Motion: Elisa made the motion. Kathryn seconded. All new Board members were approved (0-10).

2. Rosie Craig had new Board members introduce themselves.
3. The Board Social will be held Sunday, October 28, at 5 p.m. Any Board members who cannot attend must report directly to Rosie.
4. Rosie Craig asked Board members to review the MAC Board Member Agreement. The conflict of interest statement in parenthesis in the second to the last bullet should be struck and initialed. All members should sign and turn in the Agreement to Shannon. Rosie asked for a motion to approve the Agreement as a tool for the Board to use.
Motion: Elisa Moskovitz made the motion to accept the presented MAC Board Member Agreement. David Turner seconded the motion. The motion was approved (0-10).
5. Rosie Craig shared information related to her “Lunch Bunch.” The next event will be next week. Bob Jesselson suggested additional people who might be invited to the event. Rosie Craig asked all Board members to send potential invitees’ names to her.
6. Rosie Craig asked all new Board members to complete the Charter Board Member training. Online and face-to-face options are available. Confirmations should be given to Shannon Hickey as soon as possible.
7. Rosie Craig described a number of developing collaborations: Riverbanks Zoo, Taps, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 701 Gallery, Crave, Nickelodeon, and Columbia Children’s Theater.

8. Rosie Craig led the Board in a discussion and review of grants and funding opportunities listed on the agenda. Crystal Aldamuy volunteered to join the Fundraising Committee. Marsha Merry is developing a one-page “MAC at a Glance” with information about the school to share with potential funders – this will be made available to Board members by Friday, October 26.
9. Jasmine Woodson will attend and suggested that MAC have representation at the annual North Main Street Business Association Meeting on Wednesday, October 24, 12 to 2 p.m., at New Directions Training Center. Jasmine Woodson will attend.
10. Per the Board Member Agreement, Rosie Craig asked all Board members to contribute a personal donation to the school. This will create a small fund for needed items.

IV. Committee Reports

1. Finance: Rosie Craig reported for Melissa Kiddy and Dom Mjartan. The Board has received an adjusted budget. Dom Mjartan is making headway on negotiations with the owner of the MAC building to readjust the school’s rent. Rosie Craig stated that MAC still has a need for enrollment.
2. Education Development: Jennifer Morrison will contact Minuette Floyd and Shannon Hickey regarding needs.
3. Arts Collaboration: David Turner described an arts collaboration with Governor’s School. Students are officially registered for Orchestra Rocks in February; Symphony League will underwrite registration. David Turner will ask the Symphony League for a transportation grant. David Turner is organizing a collaboration around the Indie Grits Lab for a mixed media arts opportunity. David is working on getting complimentary *Nutcracker* tickets for MAC students. David Turner suggested Custom Ink as a slow fundraiser and volunteered to start a MAC account.
4. Strategic Planning: Rosie Craig shared planning for location and contacts.

V. Head of School Report_– Shannon Hickey

1. Current enrollment is 77. Majority of students and families are extremely satisfied. Seventh grade families, in particular, are grateful for an environment without bullying.
2. Shannon Hickey shared that MAC has missed five days due to weather and presented a hurricane make-up days proposal. The South Carolina Public Charter School District will waive the fourth and fifth days, but MAC is required to make up the first three days. Shannon prefers to make the days up in first semester. Shannon asked for a motion to request a waiver on the fourth and days from SCPCSD and use November 6, 19, and 20 as make-up days.

Motion: Kathleen Warthen made the motion to accept the proposed makeup days and Crystal Aldamuy seconded. The motion was approved (0-10).

3. Shannon Hickey and Rosie Craig have shared that the previous project manager re-took control of the MAC website as of October 18. Shannon Hickey will work with a new website designer to create a new website. MAC will retain the domain name.
4. Shannon Hickey says she has been told that MAC has its Certificate of Occupancy by the South Carolina Department Office of School Facilities. Shannon Hickey is waiting on the official paperwork.
5. Marsha Merry shared a number of initiatives:
 - a. Planning for Rocktoberfest for 2019.
 - b. Daily school announcements have started; this will be switched over to students beginning next week.
 - c. Two draft flyers: one with donation levels and one for enrollment.
 - d. Students suggested and have started MAC's first club, the Festoon Committee, which has already created its first installation. A Club Fair was held last Wednesday; MAC now has thirteen student-led clubs with a set club meeting room.
 - e. MAC now has an A.C. Flora IB Tutoring Team that will begin next week; they will also run the new Drama Club and a Spirit Week before MAC's Winterfest.
 - f. A well-known actress recently stopped at MAC for a great Q&A.
 - g. Four professors from the Education and Dance departments at Columbia College have met with MAC recently for collaboration and planning. Columbia College has agreed to store MAC's excess furniture and supply a dance floor.
 - h. ETV will do a piece on MAC November 2.

VI. New Business

1. Rosie Craig asked for a motion to install Dom Mjartan as MAC's official Board Treasurer/CFO.

Motion: Elisa Moskovitz made the motion to appoint Dom Mjartan as MAC's Treasurer/CFO and Bob Jessleson seconded. The motion was approved (0-8).

2. Rosie Craig reminded Board members to sign the Board Member Agreement.
3. The Board discussed the need for all members to be part of Executive Committee sessions.
4. Shannon Hickey shared that the South Carolina Public Charter School District has agreed to allow a non-material change to the charter. Shannon Hickey feels MAC needs to drive enrollment for music; however, there are potential costs for instruments. MAC is 60 percent Pupils in Poverty (PIP) and will be designated Title I; students may not have the funds for instruments. Shannon Hickey asked the Board if MAC can hold off on secondaries until after Winter Break and can secondary and primary be the same

discipline. The Board agreed.

VII. Adjournment

1. Next Board meeting is November 8.