



# MIDLANDS ARTS CONSERVATORY

## **School Board Meeting**

February 12, 2019

3806 North Main Street

5:15 p.m.

Board members present: Rosie Craig, Andy Anderson, Jasmine Woodson, Jennifer Morrison, Crystal Aldamuy (telephone), Dom Mjartan (telephone), Catharine Aitkin (telephone), Bob Jesselson (telephone), Shannon Hickey

Guests present: Melissa Kiddy (telephone)

- I. Rosie Craig called the meeting to order at 5:22 p.m.
- II. Approval of the Minutes: Tabled
- III. Financial Report-
  1. Dom Mjartan reminded all board members to stay engaged in the school's financials and to be forward thinking about the school's upcoming loan renewal this summer.
  2. Melissa Kiddy informed the board members that the school's January financials were in the board packets and that of December 31, 2018 the school had a cash balance of \$7000.00, liabilities of \$72,000.00, and \$88,000.00 in negative equity. She reminded the board the school was still being funded on the school's five day count.
  3. Melissa Kiddy reported that in January 2019 the school had revenue of \$67,000.00 and expenses of \$83,000.00. Mrs. Kiddy stated the school's larger expenses were largely due to having to make a payment to the Columbia Children's Theatre for theatre instruction and paying half of the school's physical education contract.
  4. Melissa Kiddy informed the school board that she is expecting the school to receive IDEA and P & I grant funds within the next few weeks.
- IV. Head of School Report – Shannon Hickey
  1. Shannon Hickey reported the school's current enrollment is 82.
  2. Mrs. Hickey informed the board that she is making progress on the school's website. But there is work still to be done.
  3. It was also reported the dance studio's floating floor is complete and that Marley flooring options were being priced. Mrs. Hickey also reported that the room had been painted.

4. Mrs. Hickey informed the board the school had reversed the core academic schedule and the fine arts schedule at the semester per the school's charter.
5. The board was informed by Mrs. Hickey the school had contracted with A Game Sports and Fitness to provide the students the required physical education course. She also told the board the school had contracted with a specialist to teach music history and theory. Additionally, the board was informed that the dance program had been restructured from a full time position to two part time positions at the request of the dance instructor. The students would have ballet instruction three days a week and two days a week in west African dance.

V. Chair Report – Rosie Craig

1. Rosie Craig reported that Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for the school to respond to J Britt's lawsuit. She also informed the board that Tyler Turner and Austin Hood had made it clear to Britt's lawyer that the school was not in a financial position to pay what he is requesting.
2. Mrs. Craig also stated she was continuing to pursue relationships and financial resources on behalf of the school. She has secured South Carolina Senator John Scott's attendance at the school's Black History Month program on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
3. It was also reported by Mrs. Craig that the school has join the North Main Street Business Association and that she has invited Indie Grits for a tour of the school.

VI. Committee Reports

1. Fundraising: Andy Anderson reported.
  - Andy Anderson reported that Courtney from the Central Carolina Community Foundation visited the school and has plans to share what she learned on the tour to other members of the organization. However, two of the grants the school was looking into the school does not qualify for, but the school was still working on two more.
  - Mr. Anderson let the board know that Simone Gause was working on the school's mini district grant that is due at the end of the month. He stated that the focus of the grant was going to be purchasing a mobile lab for the school.
2. Education Development: Jennifer Morrison reported.
  - Jennifer Morrison reported that Shannon Hickey is up to date with what she can do for her PADEPP
  - Mrs. Morrison also reported that she is still looking at potential charter changes on the academic portion of the accountability section.
3. Arts Collaboration: David Turner reported.
  - David Turner reported that the LinkUp concert was set for February 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - It was also reported that the school is setting up a visiting artist series with a drumming group, the Parker Quartet, and a dance group are coming up.

4. Strategic Planning: Rosie Craig reported.
  - Rosie Craig reported that a group of board members met with Richland District One about the school potentially moving into the Bull Street Project. The group requested an exception to their right of refusal.

VII. New Business

1. 2019/2020 Calendar- Shannon Hickey present two calendar options to the board for their approval. The board agreed to review the options and vote at the March 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting.
2. Black History Month- Jasmine Woodson stated that Senator John Scott the program for the event. She also informed the board she needs \$200.00 to off set the cost of the dance outfit and poster boards.
3. Staffing Needs- Shannon Hickey informed the board the school is in desperate need of a part time office manager to work on Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. Rosie Craig and Dom Mjartan both agreed to give \$500.00 towards funding the position.
4. Jennifer Morrison stated that she was really proud of the school board and Shannon Hickey on everything that has been accomplished this school year. She told the board they made a good pick.

VIII. Adjournment

1. Action items for Board members include seeking out donations of instruments, funding work, and community relations.
2. Next Board meeting is March 14, 2019.