



MIDLANDS ARTS CONSERVATORY

Called School Board Meeting

April 11, 2019

3806 North Main Street

11:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by Crystal Aldamuy.

Board members present: Rosie Craig (telephone), Dom Mjartan, Andy Anderson, Crystal Aldamuy, Jasmine Woodson, Robert Jesselson, Kathleen Warthen, Minuette Floyd, Darion McCloud (telephone), Catharine Aitken, Shannon Hickey, and Marsha Merry.

I. Call to order 5:23pm

II. Reading and approval of minutes

Dom made a motion to approve minutes from January & March meetings. Rosie 2nd.
Approved unanimously.

III. Reports from officers

A. Head of School Report- Shannon Hickey

1. Enrollment Update: 117 currently enrolled for next school year. 6 current students have not returned forms 3 may not return. Some students may need to shift Arts discipline as Theatre & Visual Arts are filling much faster than Music & Dance.

2. Personnel Updates: Need to add .5 to each discipline except dance. May need to fill English & History positions. Targeting retired teachers since new positions would be part-time. No contracts issued until budget is approved. Budget Committee to meet ASAP.

B. Chair's Report- Rosie Craig

1. Implored Board to focus on enrollment and to do as much recruitment as possible focusing on filling spots in disciplines that need more students.
2. Transition committee has been very busy. Interviewed 2 candidates with 3 more possible interviews on the 23rd. Parent/Teacher Meet & Greet on April 30th with candidates meet with Board for final decision. Looking to make offer to top choice on May 1st.
3. Catharine met with Richland One about moving to Bull Street. Exception was denied. Developers putting together numbers for rent at Stone Manufacturing

(further up N. Main). SCE&G property on Whaley & Assembly near Amtrak also a prospective location.

4. Strategic planning committee to meet to build a sustainability plan, new location, create a timeline.

C. Committee Reports

1. Finance- Dominik Mjartan: Budget reviewed & presented in next few days. Cash balance \$25,529. Liabilities \$54,224. See Budgets. 130 students (\$12,352); 150 students \$73,796. We need 33 more students to make the current budget work. 130 student budget does not include nurse or administrative assistant but they are included in the 150 budget.

Board needs to give Shannon permission to issue contracts (delayed to May meeting as contracts cannot be issued until Budget is approved). Operations Budget will be sent via email for approval and then be ratified next meeting.

Debt due needs to be paid off or extended by June.

Darion left meeting 5:59pm

Target dance and music students for enrollment knowing that schools average a 13% loss in enrollment. A change in the charter was proposed to account for the fluctuation in popularity in certain disciplines.

2. Fundraising- Andy Anderson: Charter grant turned in \$15,000 for next school year and another \$15,000 if targets are met. All towards computer carts/purchase computers (not 1 to 1 yet).

Dell Grant is done. No Timeline.

DAP Arts in Ed Grant – 3 yr strategic plan & Lesson plans needed.

3. Education Development- Jennifer Morrison No Update

4. Arts Collaboration- David Turner No Update

5. Strategic Planning- Rosie Craig, Dom Mjartan, David Turner : To meet to create timeline as established in the Chair Report.

IV. New Business

A. Transition Team Update- David Turner : 2 good candidates interviewed. 3 more on deck. See chair report for more details.

B. Jonathan Metcalf public affairs assistance: \$152,000 in state budget still present. MOU state Mr Metcalf will get 7% if we get the money.

Catharine made a motion to enter into MOU with J. Metcalf. Crystal 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

C. School Schedule/Hours for 2019/2020 – See proposed form. 8am start time. Most middle schools start at 8:45 and parents may be looking forward to or counting on that later start. Cannot lose academic time. Students currently have 30min break time that is used for PE. Can time be cut from 2nd Art Choice. Schedule needs to be approved before the first day of school.

Rosie left at 6:39pm

Vote Needed: Discussion tabled until new HoS can weigh in.

D. School Mascot: MAC Muses. Suggested that images of muses be added to the Columns on the current MAC log.

E. Uniforms: Do we want uniforms moving forward. Some families are struggling with the cost of maintaining uniforms. How do we provide uniforms for low-income families? Washing machines in building. Adding a “home ec” type class/club? T-shirts? Dress down Fridays? Discussion tabled for new HoS to weigh in.

F. Course Selections: Honors classes? How will not having them affect strategic planning for school? Should classes be divided more based on ability and not grade level to help student catch up? How will this effect students transferring in. Again discussion tabled to include new HoS.

G. Music Direction – survey for new options revealed the desire for Voice, piano & guitar. Do we remain strictly strings? Should all students take piano? School wide chorus? Adjunct teachers to diversify that discipline... Discussion tabled to include new head of school.

H. Grievance Procedures: District has signed off on Grievance Policy. Policy will be posted online and included in the parent handbook.

Minuette made the motion to adopt the Grievance Policy. Andy 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

I. E-Rate MOU: MOU would reduce phone & internet costs to an Education Rate of \$34.32.

Bob made the motion to enter into MOU. Catharine 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Play on Words Contract: Speech therapy services.

Crystal made a motion to continue contract. Bob 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

K. CCT Contract: Contract not received yet but should be \$67,000 for 1.5 teachers. Tabled to May meeting.

L. 2019-2020 Scheduling: See New Business section C. discussion tabled.

M. Richland District One – Catharine Aiken: denied Bull Street option however, wants to meet quarterly to keep the lines of communication open.

N. Other: EPA @ beginning of March asbestos was found in the building 3 locations under tiles. No information can be found to know if this was addressed before we moved in. We are currently in violation of the AHERA act. Not a threat unless damage to tiles.

V. Adjournment 7:23pm

Crystal made motion to adjourn at 7:23pm. Minuette 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.