

**Midlands Arts Conservatory**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Thursday, August 8, 2019**

***Minutes***

**Attendance:** Rosie Craig, Chair; Kathleen Warthen, Vice-Chair; Catharine Aitken, Secretary; Dr. Minuette Floyd, David Turner, Dr. Robert Jesselson, Larry Hembree; (by phone) Dr. Crystal Aldamuy, Dominic Mjarten; Ex-Officio/Staff: Brad Tillman, Head of School; Tyler Turner, Legal Counsel

- I. **Call to Order:** Board Chair, Rosie Craig, called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm and read the Mission Statement.
- II. **Reading of Approval of Minutes**
  - A. **Motion to approve June 13, 2019 minutes made by Dr Aldamuy, seconded by Mr. Hembree, approved unanimously.**
- III. **Reports**
  - A. Head of School Report- Brad Tillman
    1. **Enrollment- 156 (24 open slots)**
      - a) Lost some students, but net-gained
      - b) 7th grade nearly full; new students in Music, Dance
    2. **Staff-**
      - a) *Academics:* filled 1.0 SPED; still interviewing 1.0 SS; .5 Science
      - b) *Arts:* Filled 1.0 Dance, .5 Visual Arts; 2 Music; still interviewing .5 Dance, 5 part-time Music
    3. **Charter Goals Revision-** Mr. Tillman requested we continue discussing, specifically educational goal language.
    4. **Web Service/PR-** Believes we can rely on in-house skills for PR/Marketing.
    5. **Charter School Law-** the link is listed on agenda
    6. **Benchmark Testing-** Mr. Tillman discussed the merits of MAP v. IReady tests; believes IReady is better suited to MAC's needs with more frequent (end-of-unit) tests as opposed to MAP's 3/year.
  - B. New Business
    1. **Executive Session-** At 5:47, Mr. (David) Turner made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss sponsorship and contractual matters, inviting Mr. Tillman, Head of School; Mr. (Tyler) Turner, Legal Counsel; and representatives from Erskine Charter Institute to join. Ms. Warthen seconded; unanimously approved. At 7:27 pm, Ms. Warthen moved to exit Executive Session; Dr. Floyd seconded; unanimously approved.

2. **Nurse Consultant**- Ms. Aitken made a motion to move general funds to allow \$3,750 allocation for nurse consultant to inspect and make needed upgrades to Nurse's Station; Mr. Turner seconded; unanimously approved.
3. **Dance Teacher 0.5**- Ms. Warthen made a motion to move general funds to allow allocation of up to \$20k for a 0.5 dance teacher; Dr. Floyd seconded; unanimously approved.

C. Committee Reports

1. Finance- Ms. Kiddy had asked that we review July report at September meeting as August Board date too early for report preparation.
2. Fundraising- Mr. Hembree noted his conflict of interest as Executive Director of the Columbia Children's Theatre. Ms. Craig asked him to remain on Committee in an advisory capacity.
3. Education Development- **Dr. Jesselson made a motion to officially bring on Lisa McClain to perform PADDEP principal's evaluation on Mr. Tillman; Mr. Hembree seconded; unanimously approved.**
4. Arts Collaboration- Mr. Turner has secured \$220 scholarships for any MAC student who auditions and is accepted into Youth Orchestra. It was agreed that individual Arts-focused Sub-Committees (e.g. Dance Committee) would work with and report to Mr. Turner.
5. Strategic Planning- **Dr. Jesselson made a motion to enter into limited \$3,750 contract with Stewart Architecture for services listed in the proposal including CAD floor plan, pertaining to a property in North Columbia under consideration by Committee for future MAC site; Mr. Hembree seconded; unanimously approved.**
6. Transition- Reminder about HOS/Staff/Board Mixer Sun., Aug. 11 hosted by Mr. Turner, after which Committee will be disbanded.

IV. New Business

- A. Use of Building during non-school hours:
  1. Mr. R (Visual Arts) asked private group to look elsewhere for space.
  2. Rotary Club will hold a fundraiser at and for MAC this year. Date TBA.
  3. Boys & Girls Club- Mr. Tilman will meet with BGC reps to discuss expanded after-school program to allow for arts and other enrichment opportunities and as a revenue source to help pay for breakfast/lunch for students. BGC allows revenue to return to school once after-school enrollment exceeds 30 students. Chair asked Dr. Aldamuy to prepare presentation to Board for September meeting.
- B. Debt-to-Asset Ratio- **Ms. Aitken made a motion to lower asset-reporting threshold in Board finance policy to \$1,000 from \$5,000 to allow for increased asset reporting; Mr. Hembree seconded; unanimously approved.**

- C. 180-Day Calendar- Mr. Tillman noted we are one-day short in our required 180 days. **Mr. Turner made a motion that we change Nov. 11 (Veteran's Day) from a holiday to a school day and encourage staff and students make a point to celebrate veterans that day; Mr. Hembree seconded; unanimously approved.**
- V. Meeting Adjourned- at 8:08 pm.

**Next Board Meetings:**

**Special: Thursday, August 22, 2019 5:15 pm @ MAC**

**Regular: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 @ MAC**