

Meeting Info:

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Dinner Gathering 5:00 p.m. MEAA Conference Room

Minutes MEAA Board of Directors
Approved October 2, 2019

Date: September 4, 2019

Time 6:00 p.m.

Directors Present: Carl Steidel, Deb Levenseller, Sherry Gilbert, Drew Landry, Jeff Desrosiers, Timothy Rector, Linda Warner

Directors Absent: Janna Townsend, Mike Thorne

Staff: Deborah Emery, Executive Director; Heather King, Principal; Heather Neal, Business Manager; Diane Manter, Office Manager; Melissa Hurley, Marketing

Public:

Call to Order – Carl Steidel

Board electronic vote to welcome Linda Warner to the Board. 7-0

1) Adjustments to Agenda:

2) Approval of Minutes :

August 7, 2019 - MOTION to approve August 7, 2019 minutes made by Jeff Desrosiers. 2nd by Drew Landry
Abstention: 1 VOTE: 6-0

3) Review/Approve Financial Reports and Finance Committee Updates

Financials - Heather Neal presented the Financial reports and the Finance Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION to approve the Financial reports as presented made by Jeff Desrosiers. 2nd by Drew Landry VOTE: 7-0

Employee Handbook - Tabled for review at next meeting

Application for Credit Card from New Dimensions Credit Union - MOTION to apply for a credit card at New Dimensions Credit Union was made by Drew Landry. 2nd by Sherry Gilbert. VOTE: 7-0

4) Approval of policies/ plans:

GCSA Staff Computer Use - Jeff Desrosiers suggested a policy on "Social Media". Deborah will research schools/district policies already written, to use as guidelines.

IJOC School Volunteers - Carl Steidel questioned background checks. Deborah stated that at no time would volunteers be alone with students

JKD Suspension of Students -Carl Steidel requested changing the word "charges" to "allegations".

MOTION to approve the policies presented, as amended made by Drew Landry. 2nd by VOTE: 7-0

5) Committee Reports:

a) Academic Excellence Committee- Sherry Gilbert presented the report from the Academic Excellence Committee

b) Governance Committee - No meeting held. Deborah did report that will begin looking at strategic design and will meet in October

c) Fundraising, Development/Marketing : no meeting - Melissa Hurley did report the following:

MEAA Logo - has been redesigned

Signs - New signs have been placed at the entrance and one hung on the building. New street signs have been delivered to the proper entity to replace the "Snow Pond Arts Academy" signs.

Web Site / Facebook - As of October 1, 2019 "formerly known as Snow Pond Arts Academy" will be deleted.

Review of Program booklet and gift envelopes. Jeff suggested adding "Company Name" to the gift envelopes. Tim suggested getting parents involved for names of possible business donors.

Ribbon Cutting / Plaque - There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 10th for the new office. At which time a bench will be dedicated to John Wiggin. There will also be the presentation of a plaque to be hung recognizing donors.

Diane Manter added the following:

MEAA received a large donation of visual art supplies from a retiring artist in Belgrade.

There will be a fundraiser at Joseph's Fireside Steakhouse all day on September 10th

6) Head of School Report- (attached)

7) Principal's Report:- (attached) Heather King was asked to add the Board of Directors to the Newsletter distribution.

8) Old Business-

Charter Commission Monitoring Summary - Deborah Emery reported that she and Heather King both met with the Charter Commission, then she met with Commission alone and then Janna Townsend and Sherry Gilbert met with the Commission. The Charter Commission left with a very positive response. A written report is expected in October or November.

Sherry Gilbert reported that the following items were brought up in the meeting with the Commission:

Work on Absenteeism

Distance learning

Transportation

Board Members - they were glad to see new members being added

Finances - they thought they looked good

Audit - they would like to see it done sooner. Deborah stated that the audit last year was extremely delayed and are on a much better track this year.

Strategic plan, fundraising and facilities

Expanding the Arts

College Level course - Heather King noted that Juniors and Seniors are able to take up 2 college classes per semester, a possible total of 8, and that MEAA must do a better job of getting this information to the public.

Evaluation of the Superintendent and the Board

9) New Business-

(45 min)

**10) Announcements- Dedication Ceremony 9/10/2019 5:30 ; recognizing John Wiggin and Donors
Joseph's Steakhouse Fundraising Event 9/10/2019**

11) Next Board Meeting - October 2 , 2019

12) Adjourn-