

Montessori Regional Charter School

Board of Trustees Meeting

August 9, 2006

Board Members Present:

Marty Maly
Gerry Barron
Mary Connerty

Laura Mott
Tracy Wilczynski

Beth Iadeluca
Mary Burrows

Board members not in attendance: Rob Petro, Annette Marshall, Dr. Richard O'Dell
Stephanie Taylor, Charlie Witchcoff

Also in attendance: Mike Wehrer/Interim CEO, Tom Pendleton, Jill Duncan, Heidi
Sheehan, Jane Callahan, Teri White, Amy Harvey, Anthony Pirrello, Carol Pirrello

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Laura Mott, President, by
leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from meeting on July 12, 2006 were read, amended and
accepted

Motion to accept Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Tracy Wilczynski Seconded by: Gerry Barron
Yes: 7 No: 0

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee; Treasurer's Report

- The annual report was sent to PDE, copies to the superintendents of Millcreek & ESD
- Outstanding receivables total \$177,944.82
- Cash flow maybe tight over the next several months until October
- Key fobs will be available/activated by the next Board meeting (9/13/06)

Motion to approve bills paid

Moved by: Laura Mott Seconded by: Marty Maly
Yes: 7 No: 0

Buildings and Grounds Committee;

- The committee is meeting weekly to oversee progress on all building renovations
- Extensive renovation work is ongoing in the basement (MCHE)
- Planned renovations/remodeling/redesigning include:
 - A. Painting the north stair tower

- B. Replacing the floor covering in the first floor hallway
- C. Resealing/lining the parking lot
- Discussion regarding space issues for a computer lab
- Discussion regarding efficient utilization of space for classrooms, specials, office
- B&G committee meetings are weekly on Mondays at 4:00
 - A. **Q:** What has been decided about leasing building space to outside business

PTO Report;

- PTO meeting was held on 7/31/06, attendance was excellent, approx. 30 families
- PTO presented a Calendar of Events
- PTO presented a calendar of scheduled meetings
- No information available about the possibility of a school picnic to open the new year

Administrators /CEO Report;

- Current enrollment total; 160, waiting list for every grade level (total waiting list; 41)
- Review/Discussion regarding Special Ed. issues. Compliance monitoring scheduled for 12/06
 - A. **Q:** MRCS has deficient documentation of programming in areas monitored for compliance, who would write these policies and procedures?
 - A: Bring together the policy committee, Special ed. dept. and CEO
- Continue contract with Sarah Reed to provide a school psychologist for the 2006/2007 school year.
- Review/Discussion regarding an exit assessment developed by school psychologist
- Discussion regarding professional development /employee handbook and the number of Act 48 credits required; suggestion to have a policy that would outline the number of credits MRCS would require a teacher to obtain annually
- Discussed response to Erie School District's request to review Special ed. files. Tom has drafted a confidentiality statement and files have been redacted. Tom suggested we provide 6-8 files for review
- Reviewed AYP data
- Review/Discussion of faculty meeting; teacher questions and concerns
 - A. **Q:** What are the minimum number of days a student can be tardy/absent? MRCS needs a well defined absent/tardy policy and improved communication/plan of correction with home schools regarding students who are truant
 - B. **Q:** Teachers requested a letter detailing position, salary, benefits. Who is responsible for drafting these letters?
 - A: Mike (Interim CEO) and Heidi will draft individual letters by 8/16/06
- New hires; Teaching Assistants (TA's)
 - A. Richelle Roman Tammy's Classroom
 - B. Jennifer Gaertner Cheryl's Classroom

Motion to hire TA's as recommended by Interim CEO

Moved by: Laura Mott

Seconded by: Marty Maly

Yes: 7

No: 0

Human Resources;

- Presentation/discussion/recommendation to hire Anthony Pirrello to fill the Administrator/CEO position

Motion to hire Anthony under the conditions outlined in the package presented today

Moved by: Laura Mott
Yes: 7

Seconded by: Mary Connerty
No: 0

- Discussion regarding the HR committee's request that the Board at large grant them the authority to hire a Mentor for the Administrator/CEO position

Motion to grant HR committee the authority to hire a mentor/consultant

Moved by: Laura Mott
Yes: 7

Seconded by: Marty Maly
No: 0

- Discussed phasing out Interim CEO and a transition period for Anthony Pirrello, new Administrator/CEO

Motion to grant HR committee the authority to continue payments at the current rate to the Interim CEO during the designated transition period

Moved by: Laura Mott
Yes: 7

Seconded by: Marty Maly
No: 0

- Presentation/discussion/ recommendation to hire Ruth Gidenko to fill the music education teacher position

Motion to hire Ruth Gidenko as the music education teacher

Moved by: Mary Connerty
Yes: 7

Seconded by: Marty Maly
No: 0

- Presentation/discussion/recommendation to hire Amy Harvey to fill the Special Education teacher position

Motion to hire Amy Harvey as the Special Education teacher

Moved by: Mary Burrows
Yes: 7

Seconded by: Mary Connerty
No: 0

- Presentation/discussion/recommendation to hire Susan Clarke to fill the classroom reduction position for the 9-12 classrooms

Motion to grant the authority to hire Susan Clarke as the 9-12 classroom reduction teacher

Moved by: Laura Mott
Yes: 7

Seconded by: Marty Maly
No: 0

New Business;

- Election of Officers; the following slate was presented for vote

President;	Laura Mott
Vice President;	Marty Maly
Secretary;	Mary Burrows
Treasurer;	Beth Iadeluca

Motion to accept the slate of officers

Moved by: Gerry Barron
Yes: 7

Seconded by: Tracy Wilczynski
No: 0

- Discussion regarding a proposal for a childcare and before/after school program to be offered to MRCS students by MCHE. The Board at large agreed to authorize a relationship between the two entities and their respective officers to make recommendations and proposals for programs/activities.
- Mary Slusarz has resigned from the Board effective immediately
- A current Board information list was distributed
- The security system is in place, key fobs are coming

Old Business:

- None

Motion to adjourn;

Moved by: Tracy Wilczynski
Yes: 7

Seconded by: Beth Iadeluca
No: 0