

Montessori Regional Charter School

Board of Trustees Meeting

December 13, 2006

Board Members Present:

Laura Mott	Stephanie Taylor	Gerry Barron
Charlie Witchcoff	Mary Burrows	Tracy Wilczynski
Marty Maly	Beth Iadeluca	
Mary Connerty	Rob Petro	

Board members not in attendance: Annette Marshall, Ali Scarpitti
Richard O'Dell

Also in attendance: Anthony Pirrello, Tom Pendleton, Jill Duncan, Heidi Sheehan

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 by Laura Mott, President, by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None

Committee Reports:

PTO Committee;

Jane Binder and Chris Marsh presented this report.

- 80% of the MRCS/MCHE attended and/or purchased materials from the Book Fair
- A net profit of approximately \$3000 will be donated to the school library in new books
- Cookie tray sale gross profit was approximately \$2000
- An event for adults only "Cold Night, Hot Jazz" has been planned for 2/10/07 at 7:30 at the Tom Ridge Center. More details to follow
- The third annual Art Show is slated for 3/10/07...check the Friday flyer for volunteer opportunities
- The Enrichment Committee of the PTO has started a grant program that puts money directly into the teachers hands. Teachers can apply annually for mini-grants up to \$500. The program begins 1/07
- The PTO is developing a video library that teachers may access for curriculum development
- A Yearbook Club made up of 5th and 6th graders is meeting weekly. Each classroom will have a yearbook kit and will have 4 theme-related pages in the yearbook
- Review of the PTO budget/financials

Policy Committee:

The policy committee has not met this past month, no report was given

Finance Committee; Treasurer's Report

The report was presented by Heidi Sheehan and Beth Idaluca

- Our cash flow is currently in good shape
- The Penncrest school district will now pay us directly
- Most of the bills have been paid including the short term loan
- The check detail was reviewed without question
- All bills over 90 days will be paid this month
- Bills to be paid were presented, reviewed without question and signed

Buildings and Grounds Committee;

Gerry Barren presented the report

- The B&G committee met once this month
- MCHE is now using their own entrance and showing visitor badges when needed
- A magnetic lock system and/or breaker bars for the North tower are being explored to increase security
- Discussed general cleaning/maintenance issues. The service we have contracted is working out okay and appears to be cost effective
- The steam traps in several classrooms need repaired. Joe estimates this would cost about \$70.00 each
- A temporary repair has been made in the boiler room but a more permanent repair may need to be done in the near future

Administrators /CEO Report;

Presented by Anthony Pirello (Principal/CEO)

- Current enrollment total; 160: there are still openings in kindergarten
- Suggestion to add openings to the Friday flyer and website
- MRCS received the Keystone Achievement Award for reaching AYP for two consecutive years
- Discussion about changing Board meeting day/dates, the group consensus was to keep meetings as they are currently scheduled
- We received a Certificate of Occupancy with MRCS's name on it
- We received a letter of appreciation from the Erie Playhouse
- The AMS Conference is coming up (March 1 to 4) in NYC. School is closed, no subs are needed for staff to attend
- The health inspector checked out the kitchen and hot lunches maybe on the horizon
- Anthony presented a power point presentation on Building Planning and Space Allocation. Discussion took place regarding the two options presented. A third option was discussed and proposed. Suggest further investigation of the language in the lease
- Further discussion was tabled until the January meeting

Motion to explore the feasibility of an option 3 which will include MRCS using all the rooms on the first floor and only providing MCHE space in the basement

Moved by: Gerry Barren

Seconded by: Marty Maly

Yes: 10

No: 0

Motion to make funds available to pay the costs for attendance at the AMS Conference for any qualified faculty.

Moved by: Laura Mott

Seconded by: Stephanie Taylor

Human Resources;

Committee report presented by Anthony Pirello (Principal/CEO)

- The HR committee and Policy committee are collaborating on the development of several policies in preparation for review/approval by the Board at large, currently these are on hold
- The HR committee recommends that Jane Callahan be paid for time served

Motion to pay Jane Callahan the difference in base pay for years of service

Motioned by: Stephanie Taylor

Seconded by: Laura Mott

Yes: 10

No: 0

Moved that MRCS does not intend to employ Kathy Kingston as a mentor and/or consultant.

Motioned by: Stephanie Taylor

Seconded by: Laura Mott

Yes:10

No:0

New Business;

- Leesi Warren has expressed interest in coming onto the Board
- Discussion of Board size and current openings followed

Move that if an appoint able position is available that Leesi Warren would be recommended to fill that vacancy

Motioned by: Laura Mott

Seconded by: Stephanie Taylor

Yes: 10

No: 0

Old Business: None

Motion to adjourn;

Moved by: Gerry Barren

Seconded by: Marty Maly

Yes: 10

No: 0