


Micanopy Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
4-23-2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm. The present meeting's agenda was approved by Mrs. Bowden and Mrs. Haney. Mrs. Geiger was not present. (These 3 are the only remaining members of the board at this time after Dr. Erdos, Dr. Akin, and Mr. Bryan Lutz resigned in the interim). The minutes of the previous meeting were also read and approved by the Board, 2-0.

The following items were discussed:

- Two applicants for the board were present: Mr. MacKay and Mrs. Rush, both parents of current students.
- Mr. MacKay suggested that we partner with Macintosh Elementary, another nearby charter school, for promotional purposes. He has been responsible for many positive things at MA, such as putting signs by 441 advertising our enrollment and most recently he arranged for the front of the school by the road to be cleaned.
- Mrs. Bowden and Mrs. Haney stated that they would like to discuss the applicants and vote on it, they will let them know via email.
- Mr. Kline elected to speak to the board during the public input section of the meeting.
 - He prepared a written statement where he compared his teaching experiences at a traditional public school with his experiences here at MA. He believes that MA succeeds where traditional public schools fail because we are able to discipline the students and are not required to hand out grades for subpar or missing work.
 - He also shared that the parents who attended the previously scheduled board meeting, which took place on March 19th and was not an official meeting having not reached a quorum, had not brought their concerns to the teachers or administration before bringing them to the board.
- Principal Lowe's Report:
 - 59 students are currently enrolled
 - Our FTE is going up by \$2,000 per month for the rest of the year
 - We already have 60 applications for next year
 - Next year we will have two separate dances - a middle school dance and a Prom for high school (perhaps at the Herlong)!
 - We may need a police officer for next year's dances.
 - We spent \$2500 on updating boy's bathroom, including new subfloors, tile, paint, plumbing, & toilets. We replaced 30 feet of pipe that was clogged for \$1100.
 - Upcoming events such as Skate Station field trip, yearbook, Arbor Day, were discussed.

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- 3 staff members got the Best and the Brightest scholarship this year: Ms. Walker, Mrs. Kussel, and Principal Lowe.
 - 2 students passed the PERT math test today which gives them their Algebra I graduation requirement!
 - We are the only charter school in Alachua County to ever have students in the dual enrollment program at Santa Fe College.
 - We're still trying to get bids for the roof - so far we only have one. We are having trouble finding a company who is willing to do school roofs.
 - "Enrollhand" social media marketing company may be a solution for advertising the school.
 - Mrs. Haney and Mrs. Bowden discussed the benefits of the Enrollhand program with the present staff (Mr. Kline, Mr. Washington, Mrs. Ricks).
 - Mrs. Haney and Mrs. Bowden both agreed that we should try this program immediately to take advantage of the current time of year when parents are looking for schools.
- Mr. MacKay suggested creating parent incentives to increase enrollment such as gift cards, tablets, etc. for bringing in new students.
 - Parent Surveys were sent out and we had a lot of positive responses.
 - Ag Class is going to Epcot on May 7th, Field Day is May 10th, Gradventure - end of year trip for 8th grade is May 17th, May 29th is 8th Grade Graduation at MACS.
 - Mrs. Bowden and Mrs. Haney voted to approve Stephanie Rush and Sean MacKay for new members of the Board of Directors.
 - The next meeting was set for Tuesday, May 14th at 5:30.
 - The meeting was adjourned at 6:39pm.