

MICANOPY ACADEMY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JULY 15, 2024 at 5:30PM



Call to Order at 5:31pm

Board Members Present: Bishop Chris Stokes, Frank Williams, Ed Rick, Nancy Brown. Absent: Tara Phillips-Lowe. Quorum established. Curtis Fuller (Charter School Support Unit)

Agenda: To set committee to discuss contracts.

Public Comment: Olivia Rick, prepared statement

5:40pm:

- 1. Ed Rick- Motion to have public comment at the end of the meeting. Frank Williams- second. Motion passes 4-0.**
- 2. Principal Committee:** Christ Stokes made a motion to set the committee as: Frank Williams, Tara Phillips-Lowe, Kristy Bickmeyer (parent), and Ed Rick. Ed Ricks seconds the motion, motion passes 4-0.

Chris Stokes read names for principal as follows: Dr Melissa Scott, Mary Harris, Rose Bonner, Halima Syed, William Powell, Holly McGlashan, David Krakoff, Carolyn Petronella, Jeffrey Kline

Questions: How soon until we get an interim principal? Chirs Stokes answered that we have 3 interim principal applications.

Why are we here? Stokes: Because of the non-renewal of Mrs. Walker's contract.

Is Mr. Kline qualified to be considered for the principal role? Stokes: No. Wants someone with a doctorate degree and ed leadership. States that we are still accepting applications.

Mrs. Huff- raised her hand and said she was supposed to be on the principal committee. Stokes: The committee has been set.

Stokes: Wants this process to be as transparent as possible.

Do we have a guardian? Stokes: Yes, he is serving at another school currently.

- 3. Motion to close the principal applications to the 9 we have received (Ed Ricks), second by Frank Williams, Voted 3 for and 1 dissent.**

Question: Who is choosing and preparing curriculum?

4. **Curtis Fuller- Review on how to hold a committee meeting and notes from meeting.**
5. **Stokes- announced moving the back-to-school bash from the community center to the school on August 10th.**
6. **Meeting notices will be posted on website, Facebook page and on school bulletin board. Principal will hire Assistant Principal.**
7. **Lucy Ward- very disappointed in school.** Need to have protective PE equipment, kids are not supervised on the playground or at recess.
Stokes: Things that happened before will not be tolerated any longer. Barbara Finch pointed out the last year the PTO raised money so that the PE teacher (Mr. Kline) could purchase the equipment needed. It was never purchased.
8. **Parent comment-** School needs to plan something for incoming students like an open house. Need school clean-up day.
9. **Curtis-** Commends the transparency of hiring a principal. Recommends bringing on an independent contractor to act as principal in the interim. Recommends contacting Ginger Stanford to help with that process. Q: who is responsible for doing teacher background checks? Curtis: the interim principal.
10. **Motion to have Chris Stokes negotiate an interim principal** (Williams), Second by Ed Rick, passes 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40pm.