

Magellan Charter School

Board Meeting (Virtual)

January 5, 2021

6:30 pm

Board members in attendance: Tate Bombard (via phone), Jay Bowman, Marcia Davis, Mary Griffin (non-voting), Jessica Oehlich, Mike Lotterhos, Ali Pulley, Mallory Underwood.

Visitors: Gina Riggins, Sheri Regan, Teresa Taylor.

The meeting was called to order by M. Underwood at 6:32 pm. Attendance was taken by roll call. No conflicts of interest relating to the agenda were declared.

Approve Minutes by J. Oehlich @ 6:30 pm

- J. Oehlich moved to approve the 11.30.2020 meeting minutes. A. Pulley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

MaP Update by N. McCurdy @ 6:36 pm

- It's Up to Us annual campaign raised just over \$68,000. The board expressed gratitude for the tremendous community support, especially during this unprecedented year.
- The Nominating Committee began its important task of finding candidates for the MaP executive board. This is an important year as all positions, except Treasurer, need to be filled. Critically important to find a MaP president that has a strong knowledge base.
- MaP activities continue to support the staff, students, and the community: Step Up Ministries project, sportswear, hospitality, cultural arts, and bookfair updates provided.

Staff Update by T. Taylor @ 6:39 pm

- The staff were excited and appreciated the holiday bonus.

Monthly Financial Update by G. Riggins @ 6:41 pm

- Monthly budget results will be reviewed at the next meeting.

- In December, \$11,500 of unexpected coronavirus relief funds were made available to the school. These funds were used to offset the cost of the OWL cameras purchased earlier this fall.

Booster Update by M. Lotterhos @ 6:43 pm

- No update

COVID Update by M. Griffin @ 6:44 pm

- Shared rationale for returning to school right after winter break: 1) Magellan has not had a positive case with anyone associated directly with the school, 2) as a small school, Magellan does not need to make decisions for the same reasons as large districts, 3) desire to maintain consistency for the students, 4) families are committed to following the safety protocols and are conservative about keeping students home from school.
- COVID-related instructional changes:
 - The school has relaxed on moving between in-person and remote instruction to offer additional flexibility as health conditions change.
 - 4th grade students that choose to stay remote now receive live-streamed instruction from their classroom teachers. 3rd grade students that choose to stay remote continue to meet separately with remote-only teachers.
- Remember that case numbers are increasing, a new strain has emerged, and everyone should be prepared to move into remote instruction (Plan C).
- A change in staffing capacity or a significant increase in cases at the school could move Magellan to remote learning (Plan C).
- Magellan will consider bringing students back full time (Plan A) once a majority of the staff receive vaccinations.
- Provided an update on vaccine distribution in North Carolina. Teachers and school staff are considered frontline essential workers and are assigned to Group 1B. Distribution is done by county, and because of Wake's size, it will likely take longer to move through the groups.
 - Group 1A - healthcare workers and long term care staff and residents
 - Group 1b - individuals 75 and older, then healthcare and frontline essential workers over 50, followed by healthcare and frontline essential workers of any age.

Leigh Ammons has lined up a vaccinator to give the COVID vaccine at the school when it becomes available for teachers.

Approve Calendar by M. Griffin @ 6:56 pm

- Presented Magellan's 2021-2022 school calendar.

- M. Lotterhos made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar. A. Pulley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Staff suggestions to consider for the 2022-2023 school calendar:
 - Return to a 2:30 dismissal
 - Start later in August, and reduce fall break
 - Adjust the inclement weather policy to utilize available technology

Capital Campaign by J. Oehlich @ 7:03 pm

- Capital campaign planning is underway. Shared project ideas and fundraising strategy.

Board Recruitment by J. Oehlich @ 7:11 pm

- Over the next two weeks, A. Pulley is setting up meetings with potential candidates between 8-8:30 am at the school. Invited board members to participate.

Closed Session @ 7:22 pm

- On proper motion by M. Underwood and seconded by M. Lotterhos, the board unanimously approved to enter Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter and the acquisition of real property.
- On proper motion by M. Underwood and seconded by J. Oehlich, the board unanimously approved to leave Closed Session.

J. Bowman moved to engage Carney Sandoe and Associates for the express purpose of executing the administrator search at a flat rate of \$35,000. M. Davis seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held Thursday, Feb 4 at 6:30 pm. A tentative board meeting is set for Wednesday, Feb 10 at 6:30.

M. Davis moved to adjourn, and J. Oehlich seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.