

Magellan Charter School

Board Meeting

September 19, 2023

6:00pm

Board members in attendance: Suzy Allaire, Jessica O'Donovan (non-voting), Ali Pulley, John Esham, Ailis Monsees

Visitors: Becky Green, Sheri Regan, Tricia Liberatore

The meeting was called to order by A. Pulley at 6:00pm. No conflicts of interest relating to the agenda were declared.

Ali welcomed guests and introduced board members.

Student Presentation: 5th Grade Sing Growth Mindset Song @ 6:01pm

- Students showcased their hard work with a terrific song and dance performance about having a growth mindset; embracing challenges and learning from those opportunities. Afterwards, answering questions on what it means to have a growth mindset.

Approve Minutes by A. Pulley @ 6:09pm

- S. Allaire moved to approve the 8.15.2023 meeting minutes. J. Esham seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Booster Update @ 6:10pm

- Improvements in process include new artificial turf ordered for batting cage and repairing soccer scoreboard
- Additional improvements needed to trim trees around soccer field fence line and new netting pads for soccer posts
- Discussed additional funding avenues including potentially exploring corporate sponsorships for athletics

MaP Update @ 6:14pm

- It's Up to Us Fundraiser: Campaign kicked off Monday, Sept.18 and will conclude Friday, Oct. 13, with a \$75,000 goal, requesting approximately \$200 per student. There will be a student coin drive taking place on Wednesday Oct. 11th. This is an effort to include students in fundraising for their school. MaP working with homeroom teachers to write thank you cards for donors.

- Budget Update: A generous Magellan family donated funds to fulfill MaP's FY2023 budget deficit. MaP memberships exceeded budget projections totalling \$9,055 to date
- Dine-Out Fundraisers: Two successful events with Crumbl Cookie and Greystone Village have been held to date, with additional dates planned the remainder of the year.
- Additional Fundraisers: MaP researching additional ways for fundraising opportunities; consideration of MaP Business Members/Sponsors, learning more about ChooseBoosers Fun Run and Color Run
- Important Dates: It's Up to Us Fundraiser (Sept 18- Oct 13), Coin Drive (Oct 11), Senator Grafstein visit to MCS (rescheduled), School-wide picnic (Sept 26 5:30 - 7:30 pm), Coffee with Counselors (Sept 27 8:00 am)

Financial Update by B. Green @ 6:22pm

- Reviewed the August budget results and on track at this point in the year. Waiting on actual funding numbers from the State, which is expected in October.

Staff Update by T. Liberatore @ 6:30pm

- Acknowledged several upcoming staff member weddings and celebratory events
- Discussion around continued need for long-term succession planning, and utilizing Strategic Planning Committee to assist in developing plan

School Update by J. O'Donovan @ 6:52pm

Recommendation for New Hire

- S. Allaire moved to approve Laurie Castaneda to a job-share role as part-time lunch/recess coordinator position. A. Monsees seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Legislator Visit

- Senator Grafstein will be visiting MCS this fall to tour the school and learn more about Charter school operations

Board Committee Assignments by A. Pulley @ 7:06pm

- Finalized attendee assignments for board committees including Finance, Academic Excellence, Strategic Planning and Governance. Committee members will meet monthly, helping the board focus on specific areas, delegate tasks and utilize the expertise and diversity of its members.
- S. Allaire moved to approve the board committee and member assignments. J. Esham seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Worker's Compensation Coverage by A. Pulley @ 7:18pm

- Reviewed recommendation on an enhanced workers compensation policy, providing competitive coverage and cost. S. Allaire moved to approve workers compensation coverage policy. J. Esham seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Family Welcome Calls/Assignments by A. Pulley @ 7:20pm

- The board agreed to make new family welcome calls before the next meeting.

Board Candidate Recommendation by A. Pulley @ 7:29pm

- The board discussed prospective board member candidate Jessica Leggetts qualifications. S. Allaire moved to invite Jessica Leggett to serve on the Magellan Board of Directors. J. Esham seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session @ 7:41pm

- On proper motion by S. Allaire and seconded by A. Monsees, the board unanimously approved to enter Closed Session pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with our attorney and preserve the attorney-client privilege.
- On proper motion by S. Allaire and seconded by J. Esham, the board unanimously approved to leave Closed Session.

Next board meeting is scheduled for Oct 10, 2023 at 6:00pm

S. Allaire moved to adjourn, and J. Esham seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm