

MASON CLASSICAL ACADEMY



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Minutes Board of Directors Meeting: Monday, August 10, 2020 @ 9:00 AM

Board and Staff Present

Kelly Lichter – President
Dave Bolduc - Treasurer
Natalie Epperson - Secretary
Laura Mlinarich - Director
David Hull – Executive Director
John DeMasi – Principal
Joe Whitehead – VP
Annaleah Miravalle DeMasi- Parent Liaison
Ms. Westervelt- Compliance Officer
Gina Smith – Quality Control

Absent

Pearline Foster – Director
Mr. Becker-Business Manager

Late

Opening Items

Agenda Item	Action	Who
Call to Order/Establish Quorum		Kelly Lichter

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 9:09am

Adoption of Agenda (no changes to agenda)		Kelly Lichter
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Motion to Adopt Agenda:

Moved:	Laura Mlinarich
Second:	Dave Bolduc
Vote:	Unanimous

Comment: Kelly Lichter reminded attendees to submit community and agenda item comments.

Consent Agenda		Kelly Lichter
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BOD Meeting Minutes: 05/29/2020, 06/05/2020, 07/08/2020

Ms. Lichter asked to make a change for the July 8th meeting, under election of officers if the staggered terms can be added so it's clear.

Motion to Adopt Consent Agenda:

Moved:	Dave Bolduc
Second:	Laura Mlinarich
Vote:	Unanimous

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

<u>President Report/Attorney Update</u>		Kelly Lichter
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Update on court cases: MCA Vs Joseph Baird - on 8/3/2020 the Judge denied Mr. Baird the motion to dismiss the case and sent the case to a jury trial. Also ruled that MCA will be entitled to recover attorney's fees. MCA vs CCPS- On 07/08/2020 MCA dropped the suit because MCA had accomplished it's goal. 08/06/2020 Letter from Jon Fishbane/CCPS : MCA attorney, Mr. Wood was called and placed on speaker in order to answer questions. Each line item was addressed. Counsel, staff and board members were questioned as to what actions were taken or an explanation of CCPS overreach and legality. (Summary of answers are attached.)

Executive Report

David Hull

Mr. Hull gave his report here are some highlights. MCA's reopening plan was approved by CCPS. School is fully staffed, 940 students enrolled, and over 300 students on the waiting list. The mold remediation has been completed, drywall installed, and painting started. Governor DeSantis requires for all schools to have a panic system in place, MCA already has a panic system but will be expanding on the system. Mr. Hull is concerned that CCPS board members are not getting all the facts from Mr. Fishbane and has invited CCPS board to come to the school and see for themselves.

Community Comments

Ms. Greer explained that she emailed directly to CCPS board exposing the lies with evidence. She is concerned that CCPS board members are now complicit in the take down of MCA. She would like MCA board to file bar compliance against Mr. Fox and Mr. Fishbane as well has ethics complains against CCPS board members. Jana Greer

Mr. Kelly thinks it would be best for CCPS and MCA board members to have a meeting. He states that CCPS attorneys are going by a feelings and not facts. They have not provided evidence of their accusations. Thanked board for standing up for the kids and parents. It makes no sense for CCPS to attack the highest performing school in the county. Jim Kelly

Unfinished Business

New Business

Agenda Item	Action	Who
A. Submitting Bar Complaints Against James Fox and Jon Fishbane:		Kelly Lichter

Mrs. Lichter will be drafting the compliant and it will be reviewed by counsel. Once complete it will be presented to board members for review.

Motion to approve Mrs. Lichter to submit two separate Bar Complaints with input form board and counsel against James Fox and Jon Fishbane, respectively for dishonesty, fraud, deceit, and misrepresentation.

Moved:	Laura Mlinarich
Second:	Dave Bolduc
Vote:	Unanimous

B. Updated 2020-2021 Academic Calendar	Westervelt
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CCPS approved updated calendar.

Motion to approve updated 2020-2021 Academic Calendar

Moved:	Natalie Epperson
Second:	Dave Bolduc

Vote: Unanimous

Policy Updates

Agenda Item

Action Who

A. Policy Manual Update

Westervelt

Outdated policy removed, updated policies and staff based on job descriptions.

Motion to approve updated policy manual

Moved: Laura Mlinarich
Second: Natalie Epperson
Vote: Unanimous

B. MCA Handbook

Westervelt

Updated wording for organizations, added new staff and board member.

Motion to approve MCA Handbook

Moved: Dave Bolduc
Second: Laura Mlinarich
Vote: Unanimous

C. Student Code of Conduct

Westervelt

Removed sears store info.

Motion to approve Code of Conduct

Moved: Dave Bolduc
Second: Natalie Epperson
Vote: Unanimous

D: Student Progression Plan

Westervelt

No changes but made it easier to read.

Motion to approve Student Progression Plan

Moved: Laura Mlinarich
Second: Natalie Epperson
Vote: Unanimous

Board Comments

It's time to stop wasting time, energy and money on baseless attacks. We need to come together and focus on our students.

Natalie Epperson

It's important that we look closely on who we are electing to office because it will affect traditional schools like MCA.

Laura Mlinarich

Thanked all the staff for all their hard work. Grateful to hear about the Joe Baird case motion and what the future subpoenas will uncover.

Dave Bolduc

Thanked board and staff. Mrs. Lichter was hoping with everything going on during this pandemic that the attacks would stop but they have been getting more aggressive. It seems like they want to silence the facts and truth.

Kelly Lichter

Meeting Adjourned at 11:20am

Natalie Esperson

Secretary

08/24/2020

Date