

MONUMENT ACADEMY
“A Charter School, a Public School of Choice”
Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Minutes from April 13, 2023 at 6pm MST
Monument Academy East Campus Gym

Mission Statement:

The mission of Monument Academy is to provide a challenging, content – rich, academic program offered within an engaging, caring, and positive learning environment. Established on a solid foundation of knowledge, Monument Academy emphasizes academic excellence, respect, responsibility, character and exemplary citizenship.

A. CALL TO ORDER/MISSION STATEMENT/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL/QUORUM

- a. Mr. Graham called the meeting to order at 6pm, read the mission statement, led the Pledge of Allegiance, took roll call, and declared a quorum. Board Members in attendance: Emily Belisle, Joe Buczkowski, Craig Carle, Lindsay Clinton, Ryan Graham, Mike Geers, Danny O'Brien. Others in attendance: Kim McClelland, Glenn Gustafson

B. ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- a. The agenda was approved as distributed with unanimous consent.

C. SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

- a. Mr. Carle recognized Jake Dicus.

D. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS *Limit 3 minutes per person* - None

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. The minutes from March 9 and 21, 2023 were approved as distributed.
- b. The next regular session meeting date of May 11, 2023 at the East Campus gym at 6 pm was approved with unanimous consent.

F. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION & COMMITTEES:

- a. COO Report: Mrs. McClelland gave her report. Each principal from each division distributed their report electronically.
- b. CFO Report: Mr. Gustafson gave the CFO report upon his arrival.
- c. Committees:
 - i. Highway 105 Committee Report: Mr. Graham reported that there was a drone mapping conducted in order to better plan out the construction process which is set commence in late May.
 - ii. Curriculum: Mrs. Belisle reported that the committee is still in the drafting phase of the curriculum and supplemental curriculum adoption policies. The math curriculum sub-committee continues to meet to narrow down potential new curriculum. The focus on technology in education has been moved out from the curriculum committee to be a special COO focus to be headed by Mrs. McClelland. Mrs. Belisle encouraged parents to weigh in on the parent technology survey.
 - iii. SAAC–West: Mr. Geers reported that the committee focused on finalizing the end of the year survey questions. There will be a PTO sponsored family movie night on April 28. There was discussion about a more prominent presence of the school's core values as well as more prominence of the sign that indicates the presence of armed staff.
 - iv. SAAC–East: Mrs. Belisle reported that the end of the year survey for the East parents is forthcoming. She encouraged all parents to please participate as the participant numbers were low for the mid-year survey.
 - v. Governance: no report.

- vi. Finance: Mr. Buczkowski praised the hard work of Mr. Gustafson. His diligence and efforts resulted in gains that add up to several hundred thousand dollars. Through March 31st, the west campus has a net income of approximately \$173,000. The east campus has a net loss of approximately \$61,000. However, this is a large improvement. Furthermore, the preschool fund is solidly profitable. He reported that with strong fundraising efforts through the gala, it's quite possible for east campus to end the school year in the black. Plus, due to the recently discovered revenues, the cash-on-hand requirement is at very little risk of violating the terms of our 2019 bond. MA does intend to post for a permanent director of finance position in May. Both First National Bank and Integrity Bank where MA has CDs are both in compliance with the Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act.
- vii. Buildings & Facilities: no report
- viii. Volunteer Committee: Mrs. Clinton reported that we are well on track to break 4000 volunteer hours with 300 volunteers registered. She also announced some upcoming end-of-school volunteer opportunities.
- ix. Resource Development Committee: Mr. Carle reported that the committee has been hard at work on the upcoming gala fundraising event.

G. ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- a. Board of Directors Election Update – the election was closed as there were only two empty seats and only two candidates submitted their intent to run. Both candidates, Matt Ross and Ryan Graham gave their statements.
 - i. Mrs. Clinton moved that we approve by acclimation board candidates Matt Ross and Ryan Graham to the Monument Academy board of directors for a three-year term commencing July 1st, 2023. Mrs. Belisle gave a second. Mr. Graham recused himself from the vote. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Secondary Campus Instructional Hours and Snow Days – Mr. Kennington gave the presentation explaining the options for the secondary campus and the that the option of e-learning was selected as the process to handle any additional snow days that may occur.
- c. Proposed Budget Special Meeting – the meeting was set for May 25th at 10 am at East Campus.

H. BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Board Café chat - April 26th from 9-10am at Serrano's Coffee
- b. May MA Board Café chat - will be with Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Carle. That time and date is TBD.
- c. Technology Survey for Parents – Mrs. Clinton confirmed that the survey will be re-sent to parents as a separate email.
- d. April 20th Boot, Scoot & Bid Fundraiser – Mrs. Clinton reminded everyone of all the exciting auction items and events to come and announced that last-minute tickets may still be available.

I. NEW BUSINESS – none.

J. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. Mrs. Clinton made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b, d, & f) to receive legal advice on specific legal matters regarding bylaws interpretation and potential revisions; to discuss specialized details of security arrangements; and to discuss the performance and the evaluation process for the administrators. Mrs. Belisle made a second and the motion carried unanimously.

K. ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION - none

L. ADJOURNMENT - Mr. Graham adjourned the meeting.

M. CITIZEN COMMENTS NOT PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS *Limit 3 minutes per* – none.