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May 16, 2016 6PM

MC2, MC2, 149 Emerald St., #UP-3 Keene, NH

Attendees

Trustees in attendance at MC2: Kim Carter, Jim DeStefano, Jodi Adams (6:50), Steve Coughlan, Adam Johnson, Marcea Gustafson

Trustees in attendance by teleconference: Adam Johnson (6:23)

Administration: Chris O'Reilly, Eddie Marceau (by videoconference), Elizabeth Cardine (by videoconference)

Public: none

Apologies: Sarah Browning, Lori Juszczak

Minute Taker: Steve Coughlan

Agenda

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:10.	
Approval of Agenda	No changes to the agenda.	
Public Time	No public members present.	
Approval of Minutes	4/18/2016 Minutes.	Jim D moves to approve, Marcea G seconds. Approved.
Board Member Nomination	Nomination of Sarah Browning for her 2 nd term (first full term), through January 2019.	Jim D nominates Sarah B, Marcea G seconds. Approved unanimously.
School Leader & CEO Reports	Manchester: current enrollment is 78. Prospective families continue to visit. At least 5 shadows are scheduled for the rest of the quarter. Currently in week 7 of the quarter, no new students will be enrolled until the next quarter begins July 11. Current interest levels are equally distributed between middle and high school students. Current enrollment is 20 middle schoolers, 58 high schoolers. Students visited Manchester Christian Church (Wellington Rd.) as a potential new facility. Janitor resigned a few weeks ago. Replacement has been hired and will start next week, pending background check. 24 students have IEPs or 504 plans. Another potential facility at Pine St. in Manchester will be	Steve C. moved on to authorize the CEO to investigate the possibility of moving the Manchester facility to the Pine St. or Wellington Rd. options. Marcea G seconded. Approved. Steve C moved to accept Eddie M's resignation with regret. Jodi A.

	<p>viewed later this week (Thursday). Finding space at a cost equivalent to the current space will be challenging. Eddie spoke to criminal activity that recent occurred in the vicinity of the school, after most students had left.</p> <p>Community recognition dinners are scheduled in Manchester (June 2) and Keene (May 24).</p> <p>Monadnock: 75 students enrolled. 15 new students will attend in the next year. There is still a waiting list. Two students may graduate in the summer quarter, and two more in the fall. This will enable more students to enroll in the fall quarter. School lunch has been discontinued because we did not meet the contractual minimum of 20 meals/day. 22% of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch, but not all signed up.</p> <p>New ELA teacher started today. IEP and 504 participants haven't changed. No student transportation issues in Keene.</p> <p>Kim clarified that of the 5 planned Monadnock staff, 1 will be an internship coordinator, not a teacher. The board agreed that it made sense.</p> <p>CEO: Ashoka has three scheduled interviews left, board members can participate, for the Ashoka Changemaker School participation opportunity that is being pursued. Kim has been awarded a fellowship as a practicing educational leader.</p> <p>There is an opportunity to lease a former school on Pine St. in Manchester which has been recently upgraded. The location is still inner-city, but closer to downtown, with convenient access to a park, the library, and the Boys and Girls Club. It has more "curb-appeal" than the current location.</p> <p>Eddie Marceau has submitted his resignation as of June 30.</p>	<p>seconded. Motion passed.</p>
<p>Financial Report</p>	<p>The CEO and Business Administrator will meet this week to finalize the budget, then a meeting with the Finance Committee will be scheduled.</p> <p>The Primex Property and Liability and Workman's Compensation insurance bids were accepted. We will return to the state of NH for unemployment insurance.</p>	<p>Governance Committee to develop a transgender student policy.</p> <p>Jim D moves to</p>

	<p>As of July 1, the Kim will no longer donate her services as a CEO, so the budget will need to include CEO compensation (estimated as a half-time position).</p> <p>We have been notified that we must have a policy covering transgendered students. Kim asks the Governance Committee to take responsibility.</p> <p>Request for deferred enrollment (missing the July 11 quarter start, coming in August (15th) due to prior commitments). Sarah B wrote an opinion taking into account the Lottery rules, recommending allowing the deferred enrollment, with documentation to clarify the precedent. Chris O also recommends acceptance. Deferring the student admission until August will have a financial impact of approximately \$800. Reasons for approving this admission include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student won the lottery 2. Student was unaware of the school calendar and the resulting conflict at the time they applied for the lottery 3. Student will significantly benefit from attending MC2. 4. This is an individualized decision for the student-specific circumstances, not a general policy decision. <p>Kim requested a motion to authorize the CEO to submit the intent to renew the charter to the Department of Education.</p>	<p>approve the delayed start of a new student until mid-August. Marcea G seconded. Motion approved unanimously.</p> <p>Marcea G moved to approve the intent to renew to the Dept. of Ed. Steve C. seconded, approved unanimously.</p>
<p>Committee Updates</p>	<p>Kim asked the committees to make sure minutes are written in the Dropbox folders.</p> <p>The Academic Excellence committee has prioritized 4 of the 9 measures of academic excellence in its initial meeting. Kim and Elizabeth explained how technology is keeping track of academic achievement. The key question for the committee to consider for the charter renewal is “Are these the right goals?”</p> <p>The Development committee feels the highest impact action available is to relocate the Manchester facility to overcome enrollment gap by providing a more accessible and inviting facility.</p> <p>The Monadnock community fundraising committee has set itself a goal of raising \$150K.</p>	

	<p>Governance Committee will take on Policies. Finance Committee has met twice, and will be focused on current finances oversight and budget development.</p>	
Nonpublic Session	<p>Kim C requested the board enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:2(c) at 8:50PM A staff member in Manchester has had an allegation made against that member. The staff member is on unpaid leave (first 3 days were paid) pending the results of an investigation by the Manchester PD. If the allegations are found groundless, the staff member will be reinstated and back pay will be paid. In the interim, the budget does not support hiring a substitute to cover, so existing staff is covering. The board discussed organizational options that responds to Eddie’s resignation, the relative strengths and weaknesses of various options, and the management strengths of administrative team members.</p> <p>Exited nonpublic at 8:35PM.</p>	<p>Marcea G. moved to enter non-public session, Jodi A seconded. Roll call: Jodi A YES, Marcea G YES, Jim D YES, Steve C YES, Adam J YES, Kim C YES.</p> <p>Marcea G. moved to exit non-public session, Jodi A seconded. Roll call: Jodi A YES, Marcea G YES, Jim D YES, Steve C YES, Adam J YES, Kim C YES.</p>
Actions		<p>Jim D moved to appoint Conor Sands as School Leader in Manchester as of July 1, and authorize Steve C to develop an administrative reorganization plan to support of this, in consultation with the school leadership team, to be presented to the board at its next meeting. Adam J seconded. 5 in favor, Kim C abstained. Motion passed.</p>
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:48.	Jim D moved to adjourn, Marcea G seconded, passed



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