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November 16, 2015 10 am – noon
MC2, Rogers St., Manchester, NH

Attendees

Trustees in attendance at MC2: Kim Carter, Marcea Gustafson, Steve Coughlan, Sarah Browning, Jim DiStefano

Trustees in attendance by phone:

Administration: Eddie Marceau, Chris O'Reilly (phone), Ben Bradbury-Koster

Apologies:

Guests: Jodi Adams (parent), Lori Jusczek (parent), Zack F. (Student), Grace (student)

Agenda

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
Call to Order	Kim Carter called the meeting to order at 10:10	
Approval of Agenda	Admission process added to agenda. Agenda approved.	
Public Time	Zack F. and Grace spoke about student participation at Fall Forum. They were part of 11 MC2 students participating. MC2 hosted the student forum. Students across schools examined the pros and cons of their different democratic practices. Participating schools were MC2, Souhegan, Eagle Rock, New School (Maine), and Parker School. The students created an online version of the conversation to open it up for other schools to participate. The students also spoke about the other sessions they attended, which they felt were very involving and enlightening. Opportunities to continue collaboration include the Fall Forum and the SRI Winter Meeting in Miami.	
Approval of Minutes	10/19/2015: No changes. 11/2/2015: No changes.	10/19: Steve C. Moved, Jim D. seconded, minutes approved. 11/2: Sarah B. moved, Jim D. seconded, approved (Sarah B. abstained)

Meeting Dates	January-June 2016 dates set. Set for first Monday of the month, 6-8PM in Keene and third Monday of the month 10-noon, in Manchester. Board retreat set for Saturday 9 January 2016, 9-5, at the QED office in Amherst.	
School Leader Reports	<p>Ben spoke about Manchester internships. 16 students are currently in internships. Still looking for sites addressing interesting in Police, Electricity, Animals, Technology, and Welding. Three students have completed internships. Eddie thanked Lori for taking the lead on fundraising. Lori spoke about the fundraising efforts. Four parents met last week. Clothing drive is active, school will earn 20 cents/lb. Committee is looking at the wish list, which has a lot of big ticket items which are daunting. Jim spoke about space options going forward, given the remaining term on the lease, Tenant improvement costs still being amortized, and the tension between the benefits and issues of our current location.</p> <p>Sarah congratulated Chris on the Keene Thank You Ad that was published in the Shopper News. Monadnock is about level enrollment with where they opened, with new students replacing withdrawn students.</p>	
CEO Update & Financials	Demographics are shifting, with fewer Free and Reduced Lunch students, which will decrease differential aid and Title I funding in the future.	
Old Business	<p>Background Checks: Potential intern mentors object to full background checks, limiting intern opportunities. Sarah pointed out that the law requires background checks for volunteers working in schools. Kim provided the law reference to the board: RSA 189:13.</p> <p>Admission Process: There are limited options to deal with students who are not attending or not actively engaged in their education. Administration has been wrestling with how to motivate students to engage. A Student cannot be discharged unless their actions are in conflict with the school mission. Kim is proposing adding a step to the escalation process where a student would come the board to defend how their actions are</p>	Jim moved, Sarah seconded to set the lottery date to March 31. Motion approved unanimously.



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	<p>consistent with mission statement. Lottery date: Chris recommends March 31 as the lottery date. Monadnock expects full enrollment next year, so a lottery is expected to be necessary.</p>	
Board Development	<p>Kim handed out various informational documents regarding board membership, commitments, and responsibilities.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>Meeting adjourned at 12:10.</p>	<p>Marcea moved, Sara seconded. Motion approved.</p>