



Meeting Minutes

April 5 2021 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Remote Meeting via Zoom video conference.

Attendees

Trustees in attendance at MC²: None (due to stay at home orders)

Trustees in attendance by phone: Jodi Adams, John Sabolevski, Cindy Gallagher, Amanda MacLellan, Jerry Appell, Adam Johnston

Administration:, Chris O'Reilly, Elizabeth Cardine,

Apologies:

Guests: Lynn Keneipp, Sherry Gagnon, Keegan Nunley, Vicki Burinskas, Rebecca Gawron, Michelle (last name unreported), Sara Stout, Dean Auriemma

Agenda

Topics	Discussion	Decision
Call to Order	Called to order at 6:03 PM	
Approval of Agenda	The Board agreed to alter the agenda to discuss new business prior to Public Time	
New Business	Adam Johnston, Treasurer, presented Finance Committees recommendation to close the Manchester campus, resulting in a consolidation of campuses. Under-enrollment at the both campuses will cause a significant budget shortfall. Both campuses have been budgeted based on a needed enrollment of 74 per campus. Enrollment is below 50 at both campuses. Finance Committee projects a \$145,000 loss between the two campuses at the end of 2022.	

	<p>There has been no School Leader at the Manchester campus for several months, which lowers current costs, but is not a sustainable staffing model.</p> <p>Keene campus has accomplished their own fundraising and is looking to secure a new building that will reduce cost.</p> <p>The question was raised - what efforts have gone into raising enrollment at both campuses, and Manchester specifically?</p> <p>The group discussed recruitment of Board members from the Manchester area, hiring of internship coordinators, intentional recruitment of school leaders, relocation to a more desirable location and investments in the site</p> <p>The question was raised - has there been consideration of a more centrally located campus that would serve students from both areas?</p> <p>The group concluded that they have not discussed this, but it does not seem feasible</p> <p>Second Finance Committee recommendation: phase out the CEO position, no longer be required part of the structure.</p> <p>Discussion: Is it possible for Manchester campus students to continue learning remotely until the end of this school year? John is currently working with the DOE to clarify this. Not all staff at the Manchester campus have been vaccinated.</p> <p>Discussion: There are 43 that will transition into another school for the 2021-2022 school year.</p>	
Public Time	<p>Sherry Gagnon, a Manchester staff member, commented that cost-saving measures have already been taken and she does not have a clear understanding of why there is still a shortfall. Sherry commented that the campus has not been fully staffed and that could be cost-saving. Sherry asked what we are telling families now about the rest of the school year and commented that families are lacking information about the rest of the year. Sherry asked the timeline for informing families. Sherry asked what leadership will look like through the end of the year. Sherry asked if the Board has explored partnerships that would keep the learning environment going in some way.</p> <p>Sarah Stout: Sarah asked how many students are close to a gateway, as this will impact students' transition to other schools.</p>	Adam will publicly share the financial information

	<p>Sarah asked how the lack of a CEO would impact student graduation. Sarah commented that in the past, staff had been told Manchester had been doing good and she was surprised by this proposal.</p> <p>Elizabeth Cardine (Monadnock administration): Elizabeth commented to stress the importance of the establishment of a transition team, and supporting students and families. Elizabeth commented that she was the last staff member at the first MC2, "MC2 Prime". She would like to help with the transition team process.</p> <p>Rebecca Gawron (Manchester staff member): Becca commented that if there is anything we can do to stop this, we must do everything we can. She has 27 students in her advisory. Right before the pandemic hit, she saw things getting better. Why can't we just see how things go if we recruit?</p> <p>Keegan Nunley (Manchester staff member): Keegan asked, if we were to find a way to fill the budget deficit, would the decision change? Keegan asked for clarification about whether students can finish the trimester.</p> <p>Michelle (former MC2 staff member, parent of a graduate, parent of 2 current students): One of Michelle's students just transferred to MC2. Michelle asked that the Board give the MC2 staff and parent community time to find a partnership or solution. Michelle commented that this feels unfair to families. Michelle asked how much time we can have to find a solution.</p> <p>Public Comment closed at 7:16 PM</p>	
<p>New Business: Finance Committee</p>	<p>Amanda recommended that the CEO and Board Chair send a communication to staff, learners, and families of both campuses about the finance committee proposal.</p> <p>Amanda recommended that public comment be submitted to the Board in advance of the Monday 4/12 meeting.</p> <p>Jerry requested a consolidated history of financials and projections</p>	<p>Amanda will draft a communication at the close of this meeting</p> <p>Adam will send additional requested</p>

