

Board of Directors Meeting
Marine Village School
Thursday, April 17, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Sarah Stivland (Chair) in person
Mike Lammi (Treasurer) in person
Kelly Jeanetta (Secretary) in person
Jenn Cress (Board Member) in person
Kate McDearmon (Board Member) via Zoom
Michelle Johnson (Board Member) in person

Board Members Not Present:

Kien Trung Nguyen (Vice Chair) via Zoom
Daryl Timmer (Board Member) in person

Community Members Present:

Cari McGlynn (Interim Principal) in person
Steve Dibb (Contract Executive Director) in person
Anna Maakestad (via Zoom)

Authorizer Present:

David Peterson (MOChA) via Zoom

I. Meeting Recorded

II. Meeting called to order

III. Meeting Agenda

- Kate moved to approve the agenda. Jenn seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved.

IV. March 20, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

- Michelle moved to approve the minutes. Kate seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

V. Executive Director Report (Steve Dibb)

The World's Best Work Force/Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness

- Steve reiterated the goals of the Plan, a particular focus being achievement and civil readiness. At the end of the school year we will use data gleaned to set goals for next year. It is a living, evolving Plan. The Plan previously presented needs to be voted on. At our next Board meeting we should plan a public meeting for fall – Steve recommends October – to reveal the WBWF/CACR Plan and get community feedback.

- Kate made a motion to approve the Plan. Mike seconded the motion. The World's Best Workforce/Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness Plan was unanimously approved.

Other Matters

- We are working on last repair of buses. Inspection is scheduled for June 9, 2025.
- We need to update and adopt a Procurement Policy. Sarah noted that our current Procurement Policy appears to meet the State standards. If not, we will revise.

VI. Principal Report (Cari)

- MCAs are taking place.
- Arbor Day is April 25, 2025.
- MOChA is doing a site visit May 1, 2025.
- There will be field trips to Osceola Landing and William O'Brien.
- 5th Grade graduation is May 27, 2025.

VII. Finance Report (Mike)

- Mike reported that we have a revised budget for this year and a draft for next year. We will vote on in May or June.
- The Finance Committee will meet in May.
- The FY 23 audit is complete. We were fined \$9,000.00 for being late.
- The FY 23-24 audit is in process.
- We are switching payroll vendors (to CMERDC), which will save MVS \$10,000.00/year.
- Our proposed budget for 2026 gets us into positive numbers, but our outstanding debt carryover puts us in the negative.
- While we continue to struggle financially, it must be noted that we have raised \$640,008.00 in three years, which is pretty spectacular (MVS Secretary's opinion). Once we have 125 students, we should be financially secure.
- If we achieve re-authorization, one thing we could explore is the possibility of creating a co-operative that owns the school.

VIII. Governance Committee Report (Sarah)

- Sarah reported meeting with Carla Hines, who is doing a great job managing the election process. Kien will be sending out a letter next week to eligible voters regarding the election and again the week before the election.
- The Board election is May 13, 2025. Voting opens at 6:00 a.m. and closes at 5:00 p.m. Voters must choose at least one person in each category.

IX. Academic Committee (Anna)

- Anna and Cari meet monthly and are working on the interactive goals and achievements Google document.

- The Committee is working with teachers on core knowledge curriculums and looking into digital lists of means for meeting areas of focus with guest teachers, writers, historians, and other people in the community who may be able to contribute to students' learning experience.
- The Committee is looking into professional development for teachers and ways to enrich science and reading.

X. Facilities Report (Kate)

- Kate has been seeking others for committee membership. Kirsten from the Folk School has expressed interest. Carla Hines has agreed to be on the Committee.
- MDE informed MVS that our food vendor (Premiere) is not meeting the salad and sandwich nutrition requirement so salad and sandwich is not an option for the rest of the year. Apparently they were over on sodium and calories. We are searching for another food vendor.

XI. Community Outreach Report (Jenn)

- Jenn and Sarah met. The Committee is working on a plan for engaging with the broader community. Dawna Gregory is taking over planning, marketing, materials. She will circulate a sign-up sheet for volunteers. The Committee is looking into participation in the Stillwater Parade, Summer Tuesdays, and Jenn is planning to meet with teachers and parents.
- A discussion was had regarding grant procurement. Jenn will look into the possibility of an arts grant. Michelle mentioned that some teachers may be interested in seeking grant money. It was noted that grant money has to carefully be tracked to align with the goals of the grant. We have to insure that we can fulfill the grant criteria. If any teachers desire to do any grant writing, Steve and Cari will need to approve.

XII. Wellness Committee (Kate)

- The first meeting of the Wellness Committee is set for April 22. Olivia, Kelly Fronk, and Marna Canteberry have joined the Committee.
- Kelly moved to approve the Wellness Committee Charge and approve the establishment of the Committee. Jenn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Marine Multi-Generational Site Committee Report (Dan Willenbring)

- No report.

XIV. Board Topics

- We have (and continue to) post for a part-time Executive Director.

XV. Authorizer Comments (Dr. David Peterson)

- Dr. Peterson commented during Mike Lammi's financial reporting that MVS will need to move out of statutory operating debt. He is pleased to see progress but urges more financial monitoring. He said that we have the pieces

in place to be successful: We have community support and an attentive Board.

- Dr. Peterson went on to say that it is a pleasure to see how the structure of the Board is progressing. The work of the committees is an indication of strong governance.
- His annual site visit will be May 1, 2025. He and Steve are working on an agenda. He will bring two other people with him. They will observe the classrooms and interview students and some parents. Then he will write his report.

XVI. Next Meetings

May 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

June 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

XVII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.