

Board of Directors
Meeting Marine Village School
Thursday, February 19, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Google Meet joining info
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ukt-nesc-dbz>
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Minutes

<u>Board Members:</u>	<u>Designation:</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Dr. Kien Nguyen - Vice Chairperson	Community	A P
Gerry Glomb - Finance Chairperson	Community	A P
Dr. Katie Swanson - Secretary	Parent	A P
Katy Kalt	Parent	A P
Michael Adrian- virtual	Parent	A P
Anessa Beimert	Teacher	A P
Lauren Henninger	Teacher	A P
Michelle Johnson-Chairperson	Teacher	A P
Colleen Tetreault- virtual	Teacher	A P
Dr. Curtis Windham (Ex-Officio)	Executive Director	A P

Authorizer Member Present:

Community Members Present: Dawna Gregory, Dan Willenbring, Jaime Souza, Kate McDearmon, Eric Sanford, Emily Seeb

- I. Virtual Meeting Started at: 6:00pm
- II. Conflict Of Interest

Each member of the Marine Village School Board of Directors confirms that:

- We have no undisclosed conflicts of interest, or relationships with entities or individuals that could create an actual or apparent conflict between our personal interests and the best interests of this charter school.
- Any conflicts of interest that have been previously disclosed have been reviewed and acknowledged by the board.

If any board member has discovered a new, undisclosed conflict of interest since our last meeting, or if a potential conflict arises during this meeting, that individual is required to immediately disclose it to the board.

A. Noted- none

III. Call To Order:

A. Approval of the agenda

Motion: To approve the February 19, 2025 agenda for the MVS School Board meeting.

Motion/Second: Colleen / Anessa

Yay: Kien, Gerry, Katie, Katy, Anessa, Lauren, Michelle, Colleen

Nay: none

Did not vote: Michael Adrian, not present yet

IV. Public Comment:

V. Consent Agenda

A. January Board Meeting Minutes

B. SOD Report to MDE

C. Food Service Report and Transfer of \$19,290.75 from general funds to Fund 2.

D. Policy 534 - School Meals Policy (needs immediate approval)

Motion to approve the consent agenda:

Motion/Second: Kien / Lauren

Yay: Kien, Gerry, Katie, Katy, Anessa, Lauren, Michelle, Colleen

Nay: none

did not vote: Michael Adrian, not present yet

VI. Executive Director Report

Discussions with Christ Lutheran Church regarding MVS collaborating with Red Bridge Preschool. Inviting school leadership to MVS March board meeting. Timeline for implementation would not be until at least fall of 2027.

REAP grant funds have been secured! Almost \$59,000 in the bank. Already starting the process for FY26.

Transportation update - have an applicant, local, experienced. If hired, onboarding could be complete within the next few weeks with expected start within the next few weeks.

Admin: paraprofessionals no longer assisting with janitorial needs. We have hired a custodian 15 hours a week - welcome Beth!

Review: We have put together a 4 year projected budget - thanks to Gerry, Matt, and the finance committee. At this point we have a projected surplus - our entitlements (expected payments) will cover operating costs! The remainder of money / fundraising will assist with paying off the debt.

May be having an important article in an alumni magazine coming soon!

Strategic plan: two meetings underway. Goal is to create a mission statement, from which we will then create a strategic plan. Including academic committee input to ensure missional alignment in the curriculum.

Academic: state standards, mission, and teaching methods. Academic committee is also going to share some guidance on accountability - scope and sequence. Goal is to develop scope and sequence collaboratively at a PD in early June.

Enrollment: projected enrollment for next year (fall 2026): 122. Goal is 125. It's fluctuating day to day - lots of interest. Dr. Windham is doing tours almost daily, with lots of interest from both kindergarten and upper grades families.

Employee agreement development will begin in late April.

Our representative at CLA, Matt, has left CLA. Our new representative is *** Mike Olson?

oops I missed the thing about the EDA

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Governance Committee: update from Kien: January meeting was around policy development. Working on an executive director evaluation. Met again in early Feb to begin planning board elections. Proposed timeline: Tuesday, May 19. Will plan to send out a communication tomorrow, Feb 20. Interested applicants will need to submit their applications by April 10. We will have 3 open seats: two parent and one community member. These will all be 3 year terms.
- B. Finance Committee:
 - 1. Treasurer's Report: update from Gerry: some pieces of good news - we received another large donation - we are within 10,000 dollars of meeting our goal of 250,000! As mentioned before, we were able to secure the REAP grants. Still awaiting results of the state's inquiry into our lease aid.

2. Compensation Plan

Motion: To approve the FY26-27 Compensation Plan

Motion/Second: Gerry / Kien

Yay: all

Nay: none

3. Audit

Finance committee reviewed the audit. Finance committee recommends we accept the audit as presented.

Motion: To accept the FY25 Audit as presented.

Motion/Second: Gerry / Katie

Yay: all

Nay: none

4. December/January Financials

On target to meet our budget. This is true for both the Dec/Jan financials, and up to date financials as well. Thanks to Gerry, Matt, and the finance committee.

Motion: To approve the December/January financials as presented.

Motion/Second: Gerry / Anessa

Yay: all

Nay: none

- C. Academic Committee: Dr. Windham presenting on behalf of Claire Bjork. Had a great meeting this month. Focusing on scope and sequence, missional alignment. Had to adjust dates of the meetings. March 4 and March 30 (will be the April meeting). Discussion of accountability once students leave MVS - important to stay in contact with alumni and parents and develop a systematic way to evaluate what we offer.
- D. Community Outreach Committee: update from Lauren: Sweetheart Dance went really well - 250+ were there. Many thanks to Mayor Kevin who did the balloon drop. Scandia Pizza donated pizza, Kowalskis donated cupcakes, a local florist did the florals, a local print studio helped with the print materials. An end of year event is in the works.
- E. Multigenerational Committee: update from Dan Willenbring on Multigenerational Committee and from the City Council. City Planner is creating the draft of a master plan - hoping to have a copy of this for review by March or April. Multigenerational Committee with review this first and then any revisions would follow in the next 30-60 days. This is a potential component of the Marine 2050 Comprehensive Plan. Plans for the outdoor Yurt are ongoing - moving forward and will meet with the Planning Commission. The city also agreed to cost-share, up to 10,000 if MVS is able to secure a grant for our hockey rink. Neighborhood community meeting about potential closure of the road through the school forest - this is important because the Yurt will be in this area, and the plan would be to reforest this area. The reason the city is considering

closing it is because they are expanding Chestnut street, so they're hoping to remove this road to stay neutral in impervious surfaces (is this correct). More to come.

- F. Wellness Committee: Thanks to Kelly Fronk for working with Powerup at Healthpartners. We had a good day with Chomp the Carrot coming to school! The social emotional learning curriculum continues to be a success. As a board committee we will be posting meeting dates for the year. As for nutritional services, had an inspection and review from the MN Dept of Ed - it went really well. There was some concern that we would have to find a new nutritional services vendor but this is not the case. Our current vendor is interested in continuing our relationship with them. On most days we have 70% participation.

VIII. Non-MVS Board Committee Reports

- A. Marine Community and School Forest Committee: update from Jaime Souza. Really excited about the Yurt - hopefully working with Arcola construction after city approval. Jaime just attended the MN DNR school forest conference - we were the newest school forest featured at the conference! The future of the school forest looks very bright. Started meeting as a Friends of the Forest student group. Will also plan to meet in the summer - the last Friday of the month, including families and community members, 9-11am. Ideally will include intergenerational community building. Already tapped some of the school trees last week due to the warm temps - got a little sap already - looking forward to the MVS Maple Syrup Celebration on Friday March 27 in the morning. Would love all community members to attend and celebrate together. Friday April 24 is our Arbor Day Celebration. At 830 am Mayor Kevin will give an official proclamation. Following this will be the student-led Arbor Day parade. At the end of the day the kids will eat Maple syrup sundaes and receive seedlings to take home. After school we will have a community forest work session to clear buckthorn - we would love as much community involvement as possible. Friday June 20 will be the Friends of the Forest Solstice Celebration. There will be a pancake breakfast and a bio blitz -more to come! Stewardship plan is underway. Idea is to make an arboretum type forest for the community to enjoy. Some harder news- we didn't receive the \$300,000 grant from the MN DNR. We got great feedback - the main reason we didn't get it is because we are outside the geographic priority area for this particular grant. Still waiting on another grant. Working hard to make the deadline for the LCCMR grant through No Child Left Inside - we need a letter of support from the MVS board. This will be in the next board meeting board packet.

Motion: To approve ENRTF (Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund).

Motion/Second: Michelle / Katie

Yay: all

Nay: none

- B. PTO: update from Michael. Lots of positive feedback on the Sweetheart Dance. Thanks to Chipp for ongoing guidance on his support to the PTO. Thanks to Dawna for excellent work on the website, too! This month is the read-a-thon. March 5th will be a Victoriano's give-back night. Be on the lookout for the spring plant sale partnership with Gertens as well.

IX. Policies:

- A. Policy 214 - Out of State Travel of School Board Members (First Read - Finance)
- B. Policy 402 - Disability Nondiscrimination (First Read - Governance)
- C. Policy 406 - Public/Private Personnel Data (First Read - Governance)
- D. Policy 417 - Chemical Use / Abuse (First Read - Wellness)
- E. Policy 427 - Workload Limits for Certain Special Education (First Read - Academic)
- F. Policy 520 - Student Surveys (First Read - Academic)
- G. Policy 524.5 - Personal Electronic Communication Devices (First Read - Academic)
- H. Policy 607 - Organization of Grade Levels (First Read - Academic)
- I. Policy 907 - Rewards (First Read - Community Outreach)

X. Other Discussion Items:

- A.** Strategic Plan Committee Report. Update from Michael. The committee has now met twice. Goal is to update the mission statement, and then put mission fulfillment at the core of everything we're doing. Plan for a 3 year plan. At this time the committee has 3 main pillars: family engagement, community connection (local community), school expansion.
- B.** Michelle: Goal of raising \$100,000 next year - starting to plan now. Looking for someone to help chair a campaign for next year - don't necessarily need to confirm this today.

XI. Authorizer Comments: not present

XII. Next Meetings

- A. March 12, 2026
- B. April 16, 2026

XIII. Move to Closed Meeting

Motion: To move to a closed meeting.

Motion/Second: Katie / Kien

Yay: all

Nay: none

Motion: To close the closed meeting and resume the full board meeting.

Motion/Second: Katie / Lauren

Yay: all

Nay: none

IV. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the February 19, 2026 MVS School Board meeting.

Motion/Second: Michael / Lauren

Yay: all

Nay: none

* Attachment will be placed in file prior to the full board meeting

** Item will be distributed at the full board meeting.

Signed: Michelle Johnson

Date: 3-12-26