

MONUMENT ACADEMY
“A Charter School, a Public School of Choice”
Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Minutes from February 8th, 2024 at 6:30pm MST
Monument Academy East Campus Gym

Mission Statement:

The mission of Monument Academy is to provide a challenging, content – rich, academic program offered within an engaging, caring, and positive learning environment. Established on a solid foundation of knowledge, Monument Academy emphasizes academic excellence, respect, responsibility, character and exemplary citizenship.

A. CALL TO ORDER/MISSION STATEMENT/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL/QUORUM

- a. Mr. Graham called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, read the mission statement, led the Pledge of Allegiance, took roll call, and declared a quorum. Board Members in attendance: Emily Belisle, Joe Buczkowski, Craig Carle, Lindsay Clinton, Ryan Graham, Karen Hoida, and Matt Ross. Others in attendance: Glenn Gustafson.

B. ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- a. The agenda was approved as distributed with unanimous consent.

C. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS *Limit 3 minutes per person* –

- a. Tim Geitner spoke regarding the parental rights and gender policy.
- b. Tony McKenzie spoke regarding the parental rights and gender policy.
- c. Amy McKenzie spoke regarding the parental rights and gender policy.
- d. Kristy Davis spoke regarding the parental rights and gender policy.
- e. Nate Brady spoke regarding the parental rights and gender policy.
- f. Mark McWilliams spoke regarding the parental rights and gender policy.

D. SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: Mr. Carle recognized Addison Michalak

E. CONSENT AGENDA: The minutes from January 11, 2024 and January31, 2024 were approved as distributed.

F. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION & COMMITTEES:

- a. Executive Director Report: Mr. Graham read Mrs. McClelland’s report on her behalf as she was out of town.
- b. CFO Report: Mr. Gustafson read his report.
- c. Committees:
 - i. Highway 105 Committee Report: Mr. Graham reported that construction is continuing and explained the road/loop that will be constructed in front of the elementary building.
 - ii. Curriculum: Mrs. Belisle reported that Mrs. Leone would give the new math curriculum presentation later in the agenda and that the committee is beginning to review ongoing updates to the Core Knowledge scope and sequence.
 - iii. SAAC–West: Mr. Ross reported the committee discussed the need to continue to communicate the fact that carline will improve and that we could use some explicit instruction on how to properly use a roundabout. He also made updates on PTO happenings.
 - iv. SAAC–East: Mrs. Clinton read the SAAC East recommendation letter from the mid-year parent survey results.
 - v. Governance: no report.

- vi. Finance: Mr. Buczkowski reported that we have raised \$41,000 towards our \$200,000 fundraising goal.
- vii. Buildings & Facilities: no report.
- viii. Resource Development Committee: Mrs. Clinton reported that committee discussed corporate sponsorships and camps at MA for revenue sources. She reminded the community that the Gala fundraiser is coming up on April 19th and Grandparents Day will also be later this year.
- ix. HR: no report.

G. ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- a. Academic Dashboard with Jennifer Strawbridge: Mrs. Strawbridge gave the Academic Dashboard updated report.
- b. Homeschool Partnership Program – Mrs. Gross presented on the updated findings from the homeschool townhall interest meeting. Mrs. Clinton motioned to approve the Monument Academy Homeschool Partnership Program to move forward as presented and to proceed with the letter of interest being distributed. Mrs. Hoida gave a second and the motion carried unanimously.
- c. Math Curriculum Presentation – Mrs. Leone gave the presentation on the adoption of new math curriculum for the West Campus. This was the “first read” of this new curriculum for the board and no action was taken.
- d. Executive Director Hiring Timeline – Mrs. Clinton motioned to approve the Executive Director Hiring Timeline as presented. Mrs. Belisle made a second and the motion carried unanimously.
- e. Parental Rights Policy Second Read – Mr. Graham moved that the Monument Academy Board of Directors adopt the following policy titled “Parental Rights, Policy #JRT.” Mr. Graham then read aloud the policy (this policy can be found on the MA website under “Board Policies”). Mrs. Clinton made a second. The motion passed by a 6 to 1 vote. Mr. Buczkowski voted in against the motion.

H. BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. 2024 Board of Directors Election – Mr. Ross reminded the community that there are two openings on the board for the upcoming election and encouraged anyone interested to submit their application.
- b. February 28th Board Café Chat with Craig Carle and Karen Hoida – Mrs. Clinton reminded the community to RSVP for this event.
- c. March Board Cafe Chat – this event will be hosted by Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Graham. Details are TBD.

I. NEW BUSINESS – none.

J. ADJOURNMENT - Mr. Graham adjourned the meeting.

K. CITIZEN COMMENTS NOT PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS – none.