

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

Minutes from August 16, 2024 Special Meeting at 11am MST Virtual Meeting on Google Meet

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. President Graham called the meeting to order at 11:02 am, read the mission statement, and led the Pledge of Allegiance, took roll call, and declared a quorum. Board Members in virtual attendance: Lindsay Clinton, Jilinda Dygert, Ryan Graham, Karen Hoida, and Matt Ross. Craig Carle was absent. Others in virtual attendance: Collin Vinchattle.

B. ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

a. No additions, the agenda is approved as distributed by unanimous consent.

C. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS

a. None

D. ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

a. MA/D38 Charter Contract (distributed to the Board electronically):
Mr. Vinchattle expressed his gratitude for the time effort put in by all who worked towards this goal. Mrs. McClellen spearheaded working with the District to get our two contracts (MA East Campus & MA West Campus) combined into one. The goal was to put the contracts into one so that both campuses could be working off the same document. He explained what the contract means for the school, and went through the few changes made during the melding, calling the attention of the Governance Committee specifically to the new Policy waiver section, and briefly talking about the new expulsion process.

Mrs. Dygert made a motion that we accept the MA/D38 Charter Contract as proposed today. Mrs. Hoida seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. President Graham called for a vote. The motion was carried unanimously.

b. Increased FTE Proposal:

Mr. Vinchattle reported that our middle school enrollment is at the highest it's ever been. While it's a good problem to have, we do need to expand an FTE roll. We have one particular teacher who is at a 0.8, and we would like to increase them up to a full 1.0 FTE. This will allow us to expand classes offered in order to ensure our students have options available to them (adds one period of Global Trek and maybe another PE class), and that classes are not as full.

Mrs. Clinton motions that we approve the proposal to go from a 0.8 to a full FTE as requested by admin. Mrs. Dygert seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. President Graham called a vote. The motion was carried unanimously.

c. 24-25 SWOT Analysis:

Mrs. Clinton provided electronic copies of the SWOT analysis to the Board. She drafted verbiage below the SWOT grid to provide clarity to any viewers on what the SWOT analysis is, why we brainstormed what we did, why we put some of the priorities in place, and she noted that this is a one-year focus. More discussion was had to ensure correct verbiage.

Mr. Graham motioned that we approve the SWOT analysis with the addition of "families" under "Strengths" with the remainder as presented. Mrs. Hoida seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. President Graham called a vote. The motion was carried unanimously.

G. BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Mr. Graham gave the Board a heads up that at our September meeting we can expect to see a staff handbook addition that will be coming from the admin team in regard to classroom displays, decorations to include: banners, posters, pictures, symbols, iconography, or depictions.

H. NEW BUSINESS

a. None.

K. ADJOURNMENT

L. CITIZEN COMMENTS NOT PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS

a. None.