

Marco Island Charter Middle School Executive Board Meeting

November 30, 2005

Roll Call

All members were present including outgoing President, Al Diaz and outgoing Treasurer, Patrick Lane. New members, Joe Hausauer and Steve Paris were introduced. George Abounader, Maria Hayden and several members of the staff and community attended.

Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to Order at 6:01 p.m. by Al Diaz.

Pledge of Allegiance

All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was amended to include discussion of a Holiday Luncheon and the order was changed to meet special needs. Moved by R. Popoff and seconded by D. Wetjen. Approved. A motion was made to move new business to the next meeting and complete old business after the swearing in ceremony. Motion made by R. Popoff and seconded by T. Ayasun.

Approval of Minutes for September Meeting

G. Abounader requested to carry these over to next meeting. Approved by consensus.

Treasurer's Report

P. Lane presented the report with amplications by M. Hayden. Moved by R. Popoff and seconded by V. Magee. Approved. The goals for the fundraising seem to be on track with the excellent success of the silent and live auction at the recent fundraiser. Treasurer's report motion was made by R. Popoff and seconded by V. Magee. Motion carried.

Comments from the Public

Terrence McCreanor presented an idea for an old-fashioned golf game at the Links on Feb. 25. Players would dress in period costumes and play with rented old fashioned clubs. Part of the costume would be provided. Other ideas to include the students would be a lemonade stand and student caddies. It was suggested that Steve Donnelly and the Sarazen Foundation be contacted. Hole sponsors could be gathered. The net profit could be around \$6500. The concept was well received.

Lisa Meurgue spoke about her disappointment in our scheduling of band. She has done research on other area schools and finds they have it everyday. She also wants PE for her child who is a band student. Mrs. Marcoux told her that the other middle schools lock the child into an elective for the three years. This discussion became lengthy and B. Mulhere and T. Ayasun reminded the board of its agenda. R. Popoff suggested that he hold a forum for the parents who had concerns. This was well received.

Due to time restraints the actions items on the YMCA reciprocal agreement and the future dates for board meetings were moved to January.

New Board Members

Nominations for board members were taken and two people indicated interest, Joe Hausauer and Steve Paris. They were approved by acclamation. Swearing in ceremony was held and training session(s) will be held by G. Abounader. Board members reminded them of the confidential responsibility and the Sunshine law. The board held its election of officers and chose Tarik Ayasun, President, Rob Popoff, V. President, Steve Paris, treasurer, and Dianne Wetjen, secretary. At this time Mr. Abounader thanked Al and Pat for their service and presented plaques to them. Mr. Ayasun presided over the rest of the meeting.

Fundraising

We returned to fundraising and discussed the success of the Texas Hold-em and a new one sponsored by Sunrise Rotary where we sell \$5 tickets for a vacation raffle. B. Mulhere will coordinate this effort.

Diane Fowler is working on a Hole –in- One fundraiser and will tell us more in the future.

New School

G. Abounader and J. Reinders presented the pictorial concept for our new school. Groundbreaking will be in February and completion hoped for by November, 2006. At least six years of planning has gone into this effort. Abounader and Reinders were given praise for the accomplishment.

A motion to adjourn at 7:40 was made by D. Wetjen and seconded by J. Hausauer.

Marco Island Charter Middle School Executive Board Meeting

September 28, 2005

Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Al Diaz, President at 6:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

All were in attendance with the exception of Rob Popoff. Others included George Abounader and two parents.

Approval of Agenda

George Abounader asked for an addition to the agenda for the election of School board nominees. A request was approved to move the parent comments position to follow the treasurer's report. Motion made by J. Reinders and seconded by Tarik Ayasun for approval. Passed.

Approval of Minutes

Corrected minutes were approved. Motion made by Dianne Wetjen and seconded by T. Ayasun.

Treasurer's Report

End of the school year report was submitted and the current report was discussed. The mature CD with Orion Bank will be renewed.

Comments From the Public

Lisa Mergue addressed the board over her concerns about the Spanish offerings; specifically the skip in one year and whether this poses a problem for the students. She shared research from other schools. Mr. Abounader will do necessary follow-up.

Old Business

Mr. Abounader provided members with a possible look for our new website. It will contain information for the public, the parents and the students in a creative, interactive format. He also shared the color version of "Staying in the Loop". He has arranged for the Nomination Committee to request community members to run for our board. The Bylaws Committee will convene to review the bylaws for additions or deletions. The committee is comprised of Tairk Ayasun, Dianne Wetjen and George Abounader.

Al Diaz presented material concerning the upcoming Silent Auction from Elaine Orr. This will be held at Hideaway Beach on Saturday, Nov. 12. Tickets will be \$50 each. Board members will be given 10 tickets to sell. Auction items will be advertised ahead of the auction to gain interest. Ideas are being used from the Community School's fundraiser. These include action-oriented services, i.e. City manager for a day. At the auction, the highest selling item gives that sponsor 25% of the price paid. Also, a dinner for two gift certificate will be awarded to the teacher who raises the most money on auction items.

Susanna has arranged for the Poker Night on Oct. 15 at Clamdiggers. We need a minimum of 50 people signed up to run this event. Each pays \$50 to play. We hope to have 100 players. A motion was made by Bob Mulhere and seconded by Jim Reinders that we have the Poker Night. Passed 5-2.

The Corvette car raffle will start soon. April 28th, Friday, is clear with the Chamber of Commerce. It will be called "School Pride Night" and will include food and the raffle drawing. No entrance fee will be charged. If it rains we will have an alternate plan- YMCA was mentioned because wine could be served at a charge.

Hole sponsors are needed for the Golf Tournament at Lely Mustang on Nov. 5th. We hope to make \$10,000.

Tarik Ayasun brought up the need for the collection of the "commitment" money. Over \$200,000 was not collected last year. Tarik offered to call all the parents. Dianne Wetjen offered to help. A script will be used and alternative plans given to the parents. Motion passed unanimously.

The discussion of Action Item "B" concerning former employees as board members is tabled for Mr. Fishbane's advice.

New Business

Mr. Abounader has secured the teachers' votes necessary to implement the plan for use of the A+ money. Motion passed unanimously. Teachers receive a stipend and the school retains some money for programs.

The Athletic Handbook was reviewed again and suggestions made. Motion passed with consensus.

The action item concerning students being exempt from physical Education classes was brought to the board. Arguments included the need for developing team qualities and the need to be well-rounded in all physical activities. It was decided that all children will take physical education at this time. Motion was carried.

After Maria Hayden left the meeting a discussion of her status was held. She does exemplary work quickly and it was agreed that she should be kept as a part-time position so she can become vested in the pension system. She will continue to work on all phases of our financial status and will be on a very flexible schedule with her new employer so as to meet our needs in a timely fashion. We will save about \$16,000, but small financial tasks may be hired out with this money. Mr. Reinders cautioned that she should continue to view the "big picture". Motion passed with one abstaining.

The Heart Association's fundraiser was tabled for the next meeting.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Dianne Wetjen and seconded by Tarik Ayusun to adjourn at 8:25p.m.

Marco Island Charter Middle School Executive Board Meeting

August 24th, 2005

1. Establishment of Quorum

A quorum is not established.

2. Call to Order

Tonight's meeting is called to order by President Al Diaz at 6:10pm.

Al Diaz, Tarik Ayasun, Pat Lane and Rob Popoff were in attendance. Attendance from faculty and staff were George Abounader, Principal, Cathy Callahan, Maria Hayden and Rona Donato. Also in attendance were Nancy Richie, Lisa Meurgue and Diane Fowler.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Tonight's amended agenda was approved by a motion from Rob Popoff. The public comment will be moved from IX to between V and VI. This was seconded by Tarik Ayasun and this motion passed.

5. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 22nd meeting were approved by a motion from Tarik Ayasun with a second from Rob Popoff.

Also, the minutes from the August 3rd meeting were approved with a motion from Pat Lane and a second from Tarik Ayasun.

Both of these motions passed.

6. Public Comments

At this time, Lisa Meurgue, a concerned parent and mother of two Charter School students had some thought regarding the curriculum of the school.

1. There is only 1 class offered in Spanish in 8th grade and are only for Honors students. If you do not pass the criteria for honors, you cannot get into the class. If all students had met the criteria, another class would have been offered and feels that another class is important even if it not for a high school credit. It is important that these students keep up with their vocabulary. There are more students on the waiting list for this class, but not enough for another section. She feels that all the hard work done in 6th and 7th grade is wasted.
Only honor students can get into Spanish II at Lely, so therefore you have start all over again.
2. We have a Technology class, is it possible for them to design a web page and put on the Collier County site. Or a parent volunteer to put up a site. Collier County may not allow MICMS to go on their site and updating is very time consuming.
3. The school supply list should be put out before school begins while all the stores have supplies. It is frustrating to go shopping for supplies after school has begun and all stores have been picked over.
Next year, we will try to put a list together that will be included in the enrollment package.
4. To have better communication between parents for course descriptions and requirements and criteria for advanced and honors classes or what are the scores needed to be in FCAT math or reading.
Although the students have been told what is required, this information is sometimes not passed along to the parents.

Diane Fowler also had some thoughts. Diane is also a mother of 2 students at MICMS.

1. Diane had some concerns that the school day was cut short 30 minutes, and the band class was put to every other day because of lack of funds. Her concerns were put to rest when it was explained that is was because of class size and teacher scheduling.
2. Diane suggested that we host an open house every other month with possibly some parent topics, e.g. dangers of internet, etc. and to encourage more parents to participate at MICMS.

Nancy Richie, a mother of a 6th grade student had a suggestion for the Sports Handbook.

1. She suggested that there should be a sign off page that students and parents must adhere to the condition outlined in the handbook and there should be consequences if the conditions are not followed.
2. What is the Athletic Trust? This is the fees collected to run and organize the sports programs. Each sport collects fees; these fees are kept separate from operating expenses. Last year it ran at a deficit.
There is no money from the district to support these programs. She suggested that this should be put in the hand book for parents to better understand the costs of the programs.

The board thanked all the guests for coming to the meeting with their thoughts and concerns.

Mr. Ayasun suggests that since there is no quorum that the board should skip the action items.

Mr. Abounader announced that there must be a vote on the acceptance of the annual audit, and that Mr. Jim Reinders would be available by phone for the vote.

7. Treasurer's Report

As all are aware, we have an audit every year. This is the second year in a row that there have been no recommendations, although the questions get more difficult every year.

Mr. Abounader called Mr. Reinders on the phone so that the vote could be made.

A motion to approve the annual audit (see addendum) was made by Tarik Ayasun, this was seconded by Rob Popoff.

8. Old Business

Fundraising

The annual auction will be held on Sat. November 12th at 6:30 – 9:00pm at Hideaway Beach Club. Elaine Orr will again chair this event.

A relatively low entry fee will be charges to encourage more people to come in and bid on the items

The car raffle will be held at a later date to be determined.

The 4th MICMS Golf Tournament will be held at Forest Glen on Sat. November 5th. Steve Donnelly and Rose Kriberscheck will host this event. They are looking to encourage players, hole sponsors to sign up and for volunteers to work this event.

The car raffle date has yet to be announced; the tickets will still cost \$100. Hopefully this will be coordinated with another event. Mr. Diaz would like to include dinner with the price of the ticket.

A Texas Hold 'Em Tournament will be held on behalf of MICMS at Clam Diggers on Sat. October 15th at 6:00pm. The school is guaranteed \$10,000 from this event. 1 of the 100 contestants at \$150 entry fee will get a chance to play at a Foxboro tournament in Conn.

Mr. Abounader will check with the DSBCC to see if this ethical. We do not want this to be perceived as gambling.

All monies will be run through MICMS and we will pay all the bills.

Facility

Things are still moving along, we are avoiding all obstacles. Within 60 days, there should be a virtual tour video of the new school.

We are still looking at a 2 building school on the same site and same time frame. The bus loop has been redesigned to fit in more with the neighborhood. The internal design has begun and the outside façade is being designed.

If this is not approved in November, then we cannot get started as hoped.

Action Item C

No quorum

9. New Business

New School Year

With the new school year, we have 360 students enrolled, although 2 have not shown up for the first week of school.

130 for 6th grade, 111 for 7th grade and 119 for 8th grade.

The 3:00 pm dismissal has a couple of benefits, sports teams will no longer need to be released early from school and buses are now on the same time schedule with TBE.

Back to School Night will be held on Thursday, Sept. 15th from 7:00 – 8:30pm.

This night was chosen as it does not conflict with any events at TBE or Lely High School.

Mr. Abounader has been invited to participate in a Town Hall meeting at Lely High School. Principals from other areas will also be there. This is the 1st time MICMS has been invited.

On Friday after the FTE report, we can sort zip codes to find out how many students we have that are not from Marco Island.

This year, we have our fair share of ESE students, but all teachers will work extremely hard to push these students to get good results.

The buses and cars on the 1st day of school took 18 minutes to flow through the loop, after a few short days; we are down to 10 minutes

Bye-Laws

The bye-laws have not been reviewed for 5 -6 years. Board members are responsible for this process. Tarik Ayasun volunteered to be on this committee.

Charter Renewal

The charter is up for renewal at the end of this year. The only reason to deny the renewal would be lack of financial responsibility and illegal actions.

Future Meetings

The next board meeting will be held on September 28th.

Capital Outlay

Mr. Abounader called Mr. Reinders on the telephone for a vote on the Capital Outlay Plan. (Please see addendum)

A motion to approve the Capital Outlay Plan was made by Pat Lane; this was seconded by Tarik Ayasun and this motion passed.

MICMS will hold a breakfast for the Kiwanis Club on September 8th.

Island Country Club generously offered the use of their golf course to MICMS for the golf team.

Discussion

For staff members who do not take insurance, would it be possible for MICMS to pick up the supplemental amount from Medicaid?

Maria Hayden's number of hours has changed as she is now also employed by board member Tarik Ayasun.

Maria would like to stay with MICMS as an independent contractor, but Mr. Abounader would like her to stay as an employee.

Mr. Ayasun has given full flexibility so that Maria at this time can perform both jobs.

Mr. Abounader makes all personnel decisions but as Mrs. Hayden's salary will affect the budget, he thought it should be brought to the board. He also suggested that he needed her there so that employees can be in touch with her.

Mr. Diaz would like the black and white conditions of what Maria can and cannot do due time constraints and did not want to take a vote tonight as he would like to do a cost analysis.

The concerns are: Should we hire somebody to be in her office? Can we afford someone to be in the office? Do we want someone else to have access to our records and accounting system?

A special board meeting may be called as Mrs. Hayden would like an answer and a contract in September.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with a motion from Rob Popoff and a second from Pat Lane. This motion also passed 😊

Marco Island Charter Middle School Executive Board Meeting

August 3rd, 2005

1. **Establishment of Quorum**

A quorum is established.

2. **Call to Order**

Tonight's meeting is called to order by President Al Diaz at 6:10pm.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Roll Call**

All were in attendance with the exception of Tarik Ayasun and Jim Reinders who arrived at 6:35pm.

Also in attendance were George Abounader, Principal, Cathy Callahan, Maria Hayden and Rona Donato.

5. **Approval of Agenda**

Tonight's agenda was approved by a motion from Rob Popoff. This was seconded by Jim Reinders and this motion passed.

6. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the June 22nd meeting were not available at this time, they will be available at the next meeting which will be held on August 24th.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

Pat Lane suggested that the school will end up with a surplus of approximately \$90,000. He also announced that at next month's meeting, the board will be approving the audit. As of right now, everything is looking good, although the auditors themselves were much tougher than in previous years.

At his time we skip ahead to accommodate Cathy Callahan who would like thank the board for funding our reading program.

Cathy is interested in the Reinhardt series, this series is designed specific to reading strategies rather than literature appreciation. There are supplemental books provided for all teachers, designed for each specific program.

With the No Child Left Behind Act, technology must be taught and with new program, there is a math and science pod.

All teachers must have their certification by next year, which will give a very strong program.

Cathy said that this \$60,000 program will not go to the reporting of statistics to the State but to improve the skills of our MICMS students.

The board defers to Mrs. Callahan to go with her recommendation of the reading program.

We will now switch back to the agenda.

Permanent Facility

Mr. Abounader and Mr. Reinders have been attending many meetings but feel that things are progressing. The City and the District met to discuss the site plan and decided that the bus loop had to be redesigned. We are still expecting to share the cafetorium with TBE and having a separate building for the gymnasium. DSBCC will not design a gym with spectator seating, although they will design for a removable wall so that MICMS can expand to add seating which will be paid for by MICMS.

DSBCC will want their \$500,000 up front before construction will begin, MICMS will have to raise endowment funds to pay for all extras as we will also lose our capital funding. We are hoping to raise the needed monies by having people buy a room etc.

The plans and schematics should be here in 2 weeks.

The school will have a capacity of 463 and at this point certain to open in January 2007.

8. New Business

Action Items

Joe Jarrett

Mr. Abounader asked the board to approve the hiring of Joe Jarrett's the 8th grade science teacher. Mr. Jarrett has his master's degree and has written science and math curriculum for the district. He will bring lots of experience to the 8th grade team.

A motion to approve the hiring of Joe Jarrett was made by Jim Reinders, this was seconded by Rob Popoff and this motion passed.

Bye Laws

A motion to change the bye-laws to read "former and current employees of MICMS cannot be members of the board" was brought forth. This motion was tabled until next month's meeting as the board would like to put some thought of the wording to change this bye-law.

2005/06 School Year

Mr. Abounader thanked Chris Adams for pulling the permit for our new portable.

Orientation for 6th grade and new students will be held on August 11th at 6:30pm. These students will receive their class schedule. The board is invited to attend.

At this time we have 364 students registered to come to MICMS. 132 for 6th grade which is full, with 4 on the waiting list, 110 for 7th grade which is full with 1 on the waiting list and 122 for 8th grade with 10 spots available.

The board decided to accept the 1 student on the 7th grade waiting list.

With so many new teachers coming on board this year, the week before school some time will be spent with team building. On Wednesday, the faculty and staff will be treated to a luncheon on the Marco Princess. The board has been invited to attend.

Fundraising

Al Diaz promised a breakfast to the Kiwanis for including us in the Motown Marco fundraiser. To date, this has not happened and should be scheduled soon.

Mr. Diaz suggested that there should be some kind of P.R. for fundraising on Aug. 11th to emphasize the parent's responsibility to the school. This is a big opportunity to show why the \$800 is needed.

Mr. Popoff suggested taking an auto debit at the beginning of school and reimbursing depending on volunteer hours donated.

Another suggestion was to send a letter reminding parents that they had signed a contract, 2 weeks later sending a letter giving options to pay. This letter would first be sent to Mr. Fishbane for the correct wording.

September 15th will be our "Open House"; Mr. Diaz suggested a push for volunteer hours and cash donations at that time.

The drawing for the car will take place sometime in May.

**MARCO ISLAND CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL
MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

JUNE 22, 2005

- I. Establishment of a Quorum:** A quorum was established.
- II. Call to Order:** In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Mr. Tarik Ayasun at 6:10.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance:** All in attendance stood and recited the pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Roll Call:** All Board Members were present except Al Diaz, Patrick Lane, and Rob Popoff. Also in attendance were staff members George Abounader, Principal/CEO and Maria Hayden, Comptroller.
- V. Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Vince Magee to approve the agenda and it was seconded by Jim Reinders. The motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous meeting by Jim Reinders and was seconded by Vince Magee. This motion passed unanimously.
- VII. Treasurer's Report:** In the absence of Pat Lane, Maria Hayden presented the treasurer's report. At the conclusion of her report, a motion was made to accept the report by Jim Reinders and seconded by Vince Magee. This motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. Old Business:**
 - a. Corvette Fundraiser.** Mr. Magee reported that the corvette has been purchased and has been insured. It will be on display in front of the school.

- b. **2005/06 Fundraising Program.** The Board decided to hold a meeting in July to further discuss the impending school fundraisers.
- c. **Sunrise Rotary fundraising partnership.** George met with the president of the Sunrise Rotary and asked the Board's permission to accept and adopt the "time-share" fundraiser from the Sunrise Rotary. Our school would be responsible for the fundraiser but Sunrise Rotary will supply the prize (the time-share) and help in selling the tickets. All costs, organization and administration of this fundraiser would be the responsibility of the school and the proceeds would go to the school. George also indicated that this could be a "raffle" that, for once, we did not limit the number of tickets and therefore, could "mass market" them. In the apparent absence of any downside to this fundraiser, Bob Mulhere moved to approve this fundraiser and Jim Reinders seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Report on Permanent Facility:** George and Jim reported that the general contractor has been hired by the District and plans are proceeding for a "groundbreaking" somewhere between November and December of this year. Also, after several meetings that discussed various concerns between the District and us, the District reverted to the original thoughts regarding plans and budget for the new building. Finally, there is a meeting scheduled between the District and the City of Marco on July 15 and George and Jim will be present. George also reported that the current facility is undergoing the typical summer renovations, that space was tight, that the media center has been dismantled and most of the books are now located in the conference room

(making it look like a law library), etc. At that point, discussion occurred regarding adding another portable classroom to our campus. A motion was made by Vince Magee and seconded by Diane Wetjen, instructing George to lease another portable as soon as possible. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Status of Curriculum shift and School End Time:

Shifting the curriculum to implement a new Reading program is necessary but will have its critics and costs. With the new Reading program, all students, regardless of current reading level, will receive instruction in "Reading" for next year. To schedule this, there has been a reduction in instructional time for the performing arts courses. The result of this implementation and reduction is two new teaching positions in "Reading" were filled and a part-time Band position was eliminated and a reduction in the Chorus position occurred. The Board expressed confidence and a superlative amount of support for this move and wanted our Coordinator for Curriculum and Instruction to know that they support her efforts in this area 100%. A motion was made by Bob Mulhere to appropriate up to \$60,000 for the implementation of the Reading program; this motion was seconded by Vince Magee. Motion passed unanimously.

IX New Business.

A. Information: George reported that, while there will be the typical summer activity happening on campus during the summer with meetings, renovations, office work, interviewing, audit, etc., the office officially will be closed during the month of July.

George also reported that the auditors would be on site July 13-15; enrollment figures are showing an enrollment greater than the 340 student projection upon which the budget was built; new social studies and mathematic textbooks have been purchased.

- B. FCAT Reporting and School Grade:** George reported that the school grade for the fourth consecutive year is an “A” and that the school for the second consecutive year made AYP (annual yearly progress), the designation from the “No Child Left Behind” federal program. George also distributed facts and figures reporting the schools results on the FCAT.
- C. Action Item:** A motion was made by Vince Magee and seconded by Bob Mulhere to accept the letters of resignation from teachers Tod Toth and Tricia Hitchcock. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Action Item:** A motion was made by Bob Mulhere and seconded by Vince Magee to approve the support staff hirings and the hiring of the newest teachers: Katherine Sullivan, Heather Olson, and John Peace. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Action Item:** A motion was made by Vince Magee and seconded by Bob Mulhere to amend the budget to have the support staff receive a 4% increase for next year rather than the previously adopted 3% increase, at the recommendation of the Principal. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Action Item:** A motion was made by Vince Magee and seconded by Bob Mulhere to

accept the professional evaluation of the Principal/CEO that was completed and distributed by Board Member Vince Magee. Motion passed unanimously.

- G. Action Item: A motion was made by Vince Magee and seconded by Bob Mulhere to give the following performance bonuses: Principal/CEO - \$2,000; Dean and Comptroller - \$1,000 each; School Secretary, \$600; School MIS and Administrative Assistant - \$600 each; Plant Operator - \$500. Motion passed unanimously.

Seeing that there were no comments from the public, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Vince Magee and seconded by Bob Mulhere. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting concluded at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Hayden

Marco Island Charter Middle School Executive Board Meeting

May 25, 2005

1. **Establishment of Quorum**

A quorum is established.

2. **Call to Order**

Tonight's meeting is called to order by President Al Diaz at 6:10pm.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Roll Call**

All were in attendance with the exception of Diane Wetjen and Vince Magce. Also in attendance were George Abounader, Principal, Maria Hayden and Rona Donato.

5. **Approval of Agenda**

A motion to approve the amended agenda with the addition of Dave Taber from Sterling Insurance was made by Rob Popoff. This was seconded by Bob Mulhere and this motion passed.

Dave Taber started his presentation with the dental insurance.

Right now dental insurance from American Medical is purely voluntary. MICMS is now paying \$7,400 with an expected renewal of \$8,100. Dave's proposal from Guardian comes in at \$8,200 with slightly better coverage. If we can get 50% participation, we can receive a discount. Please see addendum for comparisons.

The medical insurance that we have is from United Healthcare who at this time is having some service issues. They have lost approximately 200 doctors in the Naples area.

Dave's proposal for medical benefits was to go with a partially funded group, which could save \$14,000 - \$27,000.

We are now paying \$127,000 with an anticipated renewal to \$140,000 whereas the partially funded group Southcare could range from \$112,000 to \$125,000. Southcare also has a better benefit package with a \$500 deductible and 100% coverage for well care. Deductibles already met with United can be transferred over to Southcare.

A short questionnaire will be given to all employees to see if this program will be beneficial to MICMS.

6. Approval of Minutes

The motion to approve the April 27th minutes was made by Bob Mulhere, seconded by Jim Reinders. This motion passed.

7. Treasurer's Report

Pat Lane announced that we are in good financial shape to date. MICMS will finish out the year \$50,000 - \$75,000 under budget.

The fundraising budget was set at \$158,000 for the year, we have raised \$92,000. Kiwanis are holding \$10,000 from Motown Marco until we submit bill to them. We will possibly buy keyboards for a new class with this money.

MICMS has accrued \$5,300 in interest from the capital bank account and \$7,000 in interest from the endowment which can be used for operating costs. We now have \$1.9 million in the bank although the district will want \$500,000 as soon as construction starts with the new building.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Bob Mulhere. This was seconded by Rob Popoff.

8. Old Business

Fundraising

As above, budget was set at \$158,000 we raised \$92,000 with \$10,000 being held by Kiwanis.

The classic car has not yet been purchased, but will be in the near future. This will be the grand prize for next year's raffle.

Bob Mulhere would like to see a good 2nd and 3rd prize. Jim Reinders would like to see 4th and 5th prizes also.

A special fundraising meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 27 at 6:00pm to discuss 2005 / 06 events.

Permanent Facility

The district has approved the hiring of the architects for the building. This company from Ft. Myers has lots of experience in building schools. The construction should start in December.

9. New Business

FCAT Results

MICMS's FCAT results came in very good, well above district and state levels.

Mr. Abounader looks at each individual student to see all that have improved and where we may need some work.

Mr. Abounader will make a plan with the 6th grade math teacher to help boost the scores.

Please see the attached addendum for results.

Teacher Contracts

A motion to approve the new and returning teacher contracts was made by Rob Popoff; this was seconded by Pat Lane.

Please see attached list of new and returning teachers.

A motion to accept the resignation of Dawn Snyder, 8th grade science teacher was made by Rob Popoff and seconded by Jim Reinders.

10. President's Report

The board will donate a luncheon for faculty and staff on Friday, the last day of school at noon.

Elaine Orr will be an invited guest and recognized for her effort on the auction. Teacher of the Year and Support Staff of the Year will also be announced.

11. Comments from the Public

12. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Rob Popoff; this was seconded by Tarik Ayasun. This motion passed☺

Marco Island Charter Middle School

Executive Board Workshop

May 9th, 2005

Fundraising Workshop

The meeting was called to order by Al Diaz at 5:00pm.

Board members in attendance were Al Diaz, Pat Lane Vince Magee, Rob Popoff and Diane Wetjen. George Abounader and Rona Donato were also in attendance.

This meeting was called to discuss the possibilities of buying a used classic car for next year's annual auction. The classic car would be a '68 Corvette.

Al Diaz said that he would rather buy a Pontiac convertible for \$25,000 to attract more interest. Vince Magee argued that no matter what, only 400 - 500 tickets would be sold, so why should we put more money out than needed. The corvette would only cost \$8,000 and another \$2,000 in repairs and detailing.

Mr. Diaz suggested that if we bought the corvette, then we should offer a cruise or the lease of a BMW or Mercedes to along with this deal. Rob Popoff agreed with Mr. Magee that we did not need another prize to go with the corvette, but could possibly do a cruise for a 2nd prize. Mr. Diaz thought that ticket buyers would question the \$100 ticket price for a used car and also that women would not support buying tickets.

Through much discussion, a motion that the board approves the buying of a classic car for \$10,000 or less, not including gas, maintenance, insurance etc. was made by Rob Popoff: this was seconded by Diane Wetjen. This motion passed

A motion to adjourn was made by Pat Lane, seconded by Diane Wetjen and the motion passed ☺

Marco Island Charter Middle School Executive Board Meeting

April 27, 2005

1. **Establishment of Quorum**

A quorum is established.

2. **Call to Order**

Tonight's meeting is called to order by President Al Diaz at 6:10pm.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Roll Call**

All were in attendance with the exception of Tarik Ayasun and Jim Reinders who arrived at 6:35pm.

Also in attendance were George Abounader, Principal, Maria Hayden and Rona Donato.

5. **Approval of Agenda**

A motion to approve the amended agenda under New Business with the addition of #5 Flyers and #6 Vince Magee was made by Rob Popoff and seconded by Bob Mulhere. This motion passed.

6. **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 15th meeting was made by Pat Lane and seconded by Vince Magee. This motion passed.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

There is no Treasurer's Report at this time, although Pat Lane did expect to finish the year in good shape.

8. **Old Business**

Graduation

Graduation will be held at the Marco Island Marriott @ 7:00pm on Thursday May 19th.

Al Diaz has heard concerns from parents on many different issues. There is much displeasure about other facilities, not announcing in advance, etc. Many people did not think it had to be at the Marriott, others did not want it to be at a church.

Al did talk to the Hilton and the Radisson but there was nothing available in the date ranges that we wanted.

Sue Baumler, a parent and educator has concerns on many different issues:

- MICMS would have some liability issues during the week that the 8th grade students were out early from school. The board did not think there would be any issue; it would be the same as any summer break. Parents would be responsible for their own children.
- Students were not receiving enough instructional time and were not satisfying their academic requirements. The Fl. Dept of Education requires that students meet 900 hours of instructional time, even with our students being released a week early, they are still 150 hours over the required time.

Mrs. Baumler also thought that it was inequitable for other teachers as the 8th grade teachers did not have students, and that we “beg” for money and our money should be better spent on classrooms. The board replied that private donations have always paid for the commencement ceremony.

Vince Magee stated that this was tradition, a rite of passage and should be a reward for all the hard working students.

Al Diaz asked Mrs. Baumler how much earlier would be acceptable. She thought that one day was acceptable. She would also like a parent survey taken for next year.

Rob Kloustin thought that planning in advance for next year with a parent survey was a good idea but at this time, it was too late to change the date as too many people had made travel plans.

Cindy Imm would have liked notice that the students would not be returning after commencement as her daughter is only 13. Al said that one more week of school does not make the student any more mature.

Board Discussion

Bob Mulhere thanked all who came to the meeting to share their thoughts as this allows the board to make better decisions.

There should be a policy that the 8th grade students do not get out of school more than 1 week before the rest of the school.

The place of the graduation will become a non-issue when the new school is built as at that time all functions will be held in the gymnasium.

The survey is a good suggestion to set policy for future years although policy may be changed through future boards.

A motion to put out a parent survey regarding 8th grade commencement ceremony was made by Bob Mulhere; this was seconded by Vince Magee. This motion passed.

Cathy Callahan came to the board tonight to ask the board to approve funds for a reading coach. These funds were made available. The board thanked Cathy for an excellent job and outstanding FCAT writing scores which are in the top percentile in the state.

All guests and speakers at this time left the meeting.

Fundraising

President Bush did reply to our school regarding an appearance, unfortunately he cannot make it to this part of the country.

At this point in time, we still have not received a check from the Kiwanis for Motown Marco. They would like to know where the money will be allocated in the Arts and Music Dept. before disbursement.

We still have not received a check from the Fishing Tournament either; Mr. Abounader sent a letter asking when to expect this money.

9. New Business

Action Items (see Addendum)

Master Schedule

Due to the Middle School Reform Act demanding a rigorous reading program, the master schedule must be changed.

To accommodate this reading program the band and chorus program must be reduced. Jazz band and Starz would be greatly enhanced as they would now become everyday classes, but 6th and 7th grade band would be weakened as they now become every other day classes.

The holiday show may suffer a little but should be carried with the well enhanced jazz band.

Lee County schools are toying with the idea of eliminating their band program altogether.

All students will now have a reading class and to make this program work, the library must expand. The approximate cost to update the library would be \$20,000.

Bob Mulhere would like to have a succinct description of the new laws so that he may try to find funds from the private sector.

Mr. Abounader is also asking for \$10,000 to be added to the fundraising budget, but in exchange we will gain 2 reading teachers.

A motion to approve the master schedule as a working document was made by Bob Mulhere; this was seconded by Vince Magee. This motion passed.

Contract for Instructional Employees

At this time our teachers teach 5 out of 7 periods but next year will begin teaching 6 out of 7 periods. This is due to the Class Size Reduction Act and eliminating the need to hire more teachers. This Act requires no more than 22 students per class thus adding the need for extra sessions. The language on all instructional employee contracts will need to be changed to accommodate these changes.

A motion to approve changing the language in the Contracts for Instructional Employees an empowering Mr. Abounader to make appropriate hiring decisions was made by Rob Popoff, this was seconded by Pat Lane. This motion passed.

School Budget

The 2005-06 budget is based on 340 students. This is a very small decrease than this year's which is based on 345. Pat Lane has added \$10,000 to the proposed budget to allow the hiring of the 2 new reading teachers. Al Diaz is very comfortable with the budget set for the next school year. Pat lane, Mr. Abounader and Mrs. Hayden have answered all questions and concerns.

A motion to approve the proposed budget was made by Rob Popoff and seconded by Bob Mulhere. This motion passed.

Start and End Times

The proposal would to be start the day at 8:10 as usual but end at 3:00pm which is 30 minutes earlier. The change in the start and end time would eliminate part of the grievances that some of the teacher have regarding teaching the 6 out of 7 periods. We will still have the same number of classes, although 2-3 minutes would be shaved from each one. Passing time between classes would be shortened. Students who now have to leave early for sports programs will not miss any instructional time.

Mr. Abounader has written a request to the Transportation Dept. to see if this proposal would fit into their time schedule, as of yet he has still not had a definite response.

This proposal will only work if Transportation confirms that they can provide bus transportation at 3:00pm for our students.

A motion to approve the change the start and end times for students, assuming that this will work with Transportation was made by Bob Mulhere and seconded by Vince Magee. This motion passed.

Mr. Abounader handed flyers from Rob Eder regarding Summer Programs at the Art League of Marco Island for approval to go home with the students.

A motion to approve the flyers going home with the students was made by Bob Mulhere; this was seconded by Rob Popoff. This motion passed.

Mr. Magee

Vince Magee announced that the job of a board member was to fundraise. He would like for the board to buy a classic Corvette at the cost of \$8000 with approximately \$3000 in repairs and body work. He would have the car check out by a reputable mechanic before making the decision to buy. He would like this car to be the grand prize for the next year's raffle. The board decided to table this for another meeting.

He also made the suggestion of allowing the ice-cream man to park on the school lot for a fee. Nobody likes this idea.

Mr. Magee has heard some noise about the Accountability Statement being sent to people who have given over and above their volunteer hours. Volunteer sheets will be checked a little closer to avoid this happening again.

10. Comments from the Public

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Rob Popoff; this was seconded by Pat Lane. This motion passed©

Marco Island Charter Middle School Executive Board Meeting

March 15, 2005

1. Establishment of Quorum

A quorum is established.

2. Call to Order

Tonight's special meeting is called to order by President Al Diaz at 6:10pm.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

All were in attendance with the exception of Tarik Ayasun and Vince Magee. Also in attendance were George Abounader, Principal, Maria Hayden and Rona Donato.

5. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the amended agenda with the addition of 9c Annual Review under New Business was made by Rob Popoff. This was seconded by Jim Reinders and this motion passed.

6. Approval of Minutes

The motion to approve the February 9th minutes was made by Bob Mulhere and seconded by Jim Reinders.

The motion to approve the February 20th minutes was made by Jim Reinders and seconded by Bob Mulhere.

Both of these motions passed.

7. Treasurer's Report

At this point in time the financial report is looking good as we are under budget of \$139,000.

~~The fundraising budget for this year was set at \$150,000 at this time we are at \$82,000 with a changed project budget to \$125,000~~

The motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Rob Popoff, this was seconded by Diane Wetjen and this motion also passed.

8. Old Business

Fundraising

The beneficiary for the Naples Kingfish Tournament has backed out; MICMS can now be the beneficiary if we can come up with the prizes for the raffle by this Friday which will net us approximately another \$3,000. The fishing tournament on Marco raised \$7,000.

This event was a lot of fun as there was a lot of wonderful prizes donated, students selling the raffle tickets and parent volunteers manning the booth.

The Arts and Craft Show raised us approximately \$2,000 and the fashion show another \$150.

There was a lot of discussion on how to improve the annual auction, taking some ideas from the Scacrest event which raised \$6.2 million. Rob Poppoff suggested that we should raise the bar by asking for larger donations and putting the auction item book out in advance so that attendees know in advance which items they would like to bid on.

Al Diaz has not given up on the idea of having Jeb Bush to come to our school.

It is suggested that we should try to have 1 more fundraiser before the end of the school year.

Diane volunteered to ask Van VanHosen if his home, the Villa Venezia would be available for a \$50 a head Champagne / Cocktail Party at the beginning of May.

It was also suggested that a fundraiser should be held for the building of a new school in the hopes that some of our Partners in Education would sponsor a gymnasium, library or room.

Graduation

At this point, there is no definite date in mind. The Marriott was reserved for May 17th although some teachers thought this was too early. The Marco Presbyterian Church has graciously said that we could use their premises depending on dates which have not yet been set, the draw back to the church is that many parents do not want the event held at any church.

Mr. Abounader took it upon himself to call the Marriott and found that May 19th is also available for the event. He will call again to see if the 24th or 25th is available.

Al Diaz also said that he would call the Hilton to see if there was anything available and if they could accommodate such a large party.

A motion to hold the May 19th date at the Marriott, but still continue to look for another venue was made by Bob Mulhere. This was seconded by Jim Reinders and the motion passed.

9. New Business

Due to the under funded class size reduction and the State ruling that a Level 1 or Level 2 student must take remedial reading, this coming year's schedule is very difficult to predict.

We have 340 students with 15 sections for an average of 22.7. The law now says that there should be 22 students in all core classes. This extra .7 will put \$118,000 of funding in jeopardy.

To add the needed 3 section every day would cost MICMS \$220,000 per year. As this money would be virtually impossible to raise, we will have to ask teachers to work 6 of the 7 periods, instead of the 5 of 7 they do now. In essence, we are asking our teacher to work more for the same pay. To combat this problem, Mr. Abounader has come up with a tentative plan to release school at 3:00pm with a smaller class size of 18.

He has also asked all faculty members if they had any better ideas that would comply with the law; he would certainly take their suggestions into consideration. At this time there has no suggestion that have worked.

Teacher recommendation for advanced classes or remedial needs must be in by April 1st, so that a tentative can be planned for next year.

The Collier County Board Review is this Friday; Mr. Abounader would like a board member to be here at this time.

The next MICMS board meeting will be on April 27th.

10. President's Report

There is no President's Report at this time.

11. Principle's Report

There is no Principal's Report at this time.

12. Comments from the Public

13. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Reinders; this was seconded by Pat Lane. This motion passed☺

Marco Island Charter Middle School Executive Board Meeting

February 28, 2005

1. Establishment of Quorum

A quorum is established.

2. Call to Order

Tonight's special meeting is called to order by President Al Diaz at 6:35pm.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

All were in attendance.

Also in attendance were George Abounader, Principal, and Rona Donato.

5. Approval of Agenda

There is no agenda as there is only 1 item to discuss.

6. Approval of Minutes

There are no minutes to approve as this is a special meeting.

7. Treasurer's Report

There is no Treasurer's Report at this time due to the special nature of this meeting.

8. Old Business

There is no old business to report.

9. New Business

This meeting was called regarding the disciplinary procedure for a student that brought a hunting knife to school.

This student has an excellent standing at MICMS with A-B grades. There are no disciplinary records at all in his file. This student has been very remorseful for his action, has agreed that this was a very stupid mistake and that there was absolutely no threat to the school or its faculty, staff or its students. The parents of this student have been very cooperative in trying to resolve this issue.

Mr. Mulhere said that the Zero Tolerance rule was set for the more horrendous of disciplinary problems and because the school was in no threat thought that this did not apply in this case.

Bob Mulhere made a motion and recommendation to allow the student to remain at MICMS after he has satisfied his punishment from the dean. This was seconded by Jim Reinders and this motion passed.

Tarek Ayasun announced that he had spoken with the school's attorney so that he was positive that MICMS was doing all things possible and correctly so that MICMS would not be held liable for anything that may occur at a later date. (Please see attached addendum.)

The school's attorney suggested that this incident must be reported to the State, the County already knows of the incident as the student will be doing some of his punishment at Enhanced Assist.

This student's file must remain open until the end of the year, and he must also receive counseling. This service has already been provided as the student has already been in contact with John Aragona, the school psychologist at TBE.

Bob Mulhere withdrew his original motion as was the second by Jim Reinders. This motion was withdrawn.

Vince Magee announced that he thought that this student should be given a second chance.

Bob Mulhere thought that Mr. Abounader should keep in touch with the school's attorney to make sure that we are doing every thing correct.

Bob Mulhere made a new motion to accept the staff recommendations and the school attorney's recommendations that the student will follow all directions put forth, and to work with the parents to make sure that the directions are followed to minimize the liability of MICMS and maximize the student's career at MICMS.

This again was seconded by Jim Reinders and the motion passed.

The parents of the student in question were delighted with the result of the meeting; they thanked the board for their decision.

The student will return to school on Wednesday, March 2nd.

10. President's Report

There is no President's Report at this time.

11. Principle's Report

There is no Principal's Report at this time although Mr. Abounader would like to remind everybody of the Auction for Education coming up. He also announced that MICMS has been chosen to be the recipient of the raffle at the kingfish tournament this weekend at the Esplanade. The school will also receive ½ of the fish weight, along with ½ of the boat rental fees which will be donated by Cedar Bay Marina.

12. Comments from the Public

13. Adjournment

Before adjournment, the board convened outside at the sign for a photograph for this years' year book.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Mulhere; this was seconded by Pat Lane. This motion passed☺

Marco Island Charter Middle School Executive Board Meeting

February 9, 2005

1. **Establishment of Quorum**

A quorum is established.

2. **Call to Order**

Tonight's meeting is called to order by President Al Diaz at 6:15pm.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Roll Call**

I cannot find my roll call sheet. I will have amend this section if any body can help me with who was absent.My apologies.

Also in attendance were George Abounader, Principal, Maria Hayden and Rona Donato.

5. **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Abounader would like to add an update on new facilities under Old Business.

A motion to approve tonight's agenda with changes was made by Jim Reinders and seconded by Bob Mulhere. This motion passed.

6. **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 5th meeting was made by Bob Mulhere. This was seconded by Pat Lane. This motion passed.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

Please see attached addendum.

At this point in time MICMS is ahead of pace on the expenses and behind on the revenue side due to the fundraising numbers not being in yet.

Basic Instruction is \$33,000 under budget at this time but Florida Retirement and vacation pay will take up this money by the end of the year.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Rob Popoff; this was seconded by Tarik Ayasun. This motion passed.

8. Old Business

Update on New Facilities

The DSBCC changed the student station number from 550 down to 450 -- 475. This is worrisome to MICMS as the number of student stations is what mandates the amount of money to build the school. This will drop the amount of money from 9.3 million down to 7.4 million.

After discussions with Mr. Abounader and Mr. Reinders, they again have had a change of heart and we are back to the 550 – 600 student stations if MICMS puts in the \$500,000 which we had allotted for the extra build outs.

The new agreement should be approved on March 10th at the next DSBCC board meeting.

Proposals have already been sent out to architects to try to get thing moving. Hopefully the plans will come by the end of April, after which we can start pulling permits, which the City has promised to put on the fast track.

Building should begin in the latter part of the year with a 6 – 8 month build out. We will possibly be in at the start of the 05 / 06 school year, but it could also be closer to the Christmas Holidays.

A motion to allow AI Diaz to sign the revised agreement and revised site plan was made by Rob Popoff. This was seconded by Vince Magee and the motion passed.

Action Items

Jim Reinders made a motion to approve the size of the 8th grade from 125 to 129. Tarik Ayasun seconded this and the motion passed.

Pat Lane made a motion for the approval of auditors, Vince Magee seconded this and this motion passed.

Fundraising

P.T.O.

PTO has generously decided to sponsor our monthly newsletter for a donation of \$1,000. Thank You PTO.

Al Diaz passed around a booklet with the history, growth and success of the school, which will hopefully fall into the hands of any of the Bush's to invite Jeb and / or Laura Bush to visit our school. Al is looking for anybody with any contacts to get this booklet in the right hands.

Parent Pledges / Accountability Statements

The board members will send out a letter to thank all volunteers and donors for their help, and to let parents who at this time have not volunteered for anything that there will be a follow up phone call. Mr. Abounader and Mr. Reinders will compose this letter which should be mailed next week, with the phone call being made the following week.

P.I.E.

Tarik Ayasun will host all the banks to a luncheon in the near future.

Art Fair

"Art in the Park" will be held on the Glon property on February 20th from 10:00am until 5:00pm. Mr. Abounader will contact the newspapers for advertising.

Rotary volunteers will be on hand to control the parking on this day, with school volunteers being on hand to sell auction and raffle tickets. This could possibly turn into an annual event.

Cash Raffle

Vince Magee has a commitment for 50 tickets. But he hopes to sell 100. Each board member has 10 tickets each to sell. Vince would also like all teachers to commit to selling 2 tickets each. Ticket sales are usually high in the last couple of weeks.

Poker Night

Jim Reinders will report on this next month.

Silent Auction

March 5th at Island Country Club should be a fun night for everybody that attends. Beautiful donations are starting to come in. Elaine Orr is a little concerned about the lack of ticket sales. Hopefully there will be a lot of last minute shoppers.

The Marco Island Sunshine and Noontime Rotary Club and the Kiwanis will all be invited to a breakfast at Biminis as a thank you for their generous donations.

9. New Business

Graduation

It looks like May 24th will be the Graduation date, and the place will be the First Presbyterian Church on Bald Eagle, although they have not yet called back to confirm this date.

We are a little concerned that when parents find out that graduation will be at the church, they will voice their opinion. As it stands now, the Marriott only has May 17th available; many feel that this is too early for the 8th graders that are taking high school classes.

To avoid all the controversy, Al Diaz said that he would check with the Hilton and the Radisson to see if they could accommodate us, although they have previously said that they do not have enough room.

Rob Popoff motioned to table this discussion until a later date until we find out more information from all 3 hotels. Bob Mulhere seconded this motion and it passed. Vince Magee voted against this as he would like to see the graduation ceremony at the Marriott on the 17th of May.

10. Comments from the Public

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Rob Popoff; this was seconded by Jim Reinders. This motion passed although Vince Magee voted against this motion as he would like more discussion on the graduation issue.☺

Marco Island Charter Middle School Executive Board Meeting

January 5, 2005

1. Establishment of Quorum

A quorum is established.

2. Call to Order

Tonight's meeting is called to order by President Al Diaz at 6:20pm.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Installation of New Board Members

President Al Diaz read the oath of office to newly elected and past board member Bob Mulhere.

5. Roll Call

Tarik Ayasun, Rob Popoff and Jim Reinders were not in attendance. Also in attendance were George Abounader, Principal, Maria Hayden and Rona Donato.

6. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve tonight's agenda was made by Bob Mulhere and seconded by Pat Lane. This motion passed.

7. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 17th meeting as amended was made by Diane Wetjen. This was seconded by Pat Lane. This motion passed.

8. Treasurer's Report

There is no Treasurer's Report this month. At January's meeting, Maria Hayden will give the ½ year report.

9. Old Business

Fundraising

Parent Pledges

There is no report on this due to Rob Popoff absence.

P.I.E.

There is no real update on this due to the absence of Tarik Ayasun.

Al Diaz passed around a draft of a flyer to entice the bigger businesses in the community into donating to MICMS. See attached.

A similar flyer shall be mailed to parents showing what they can do to support their school.

Tarik has targeted all the banks in the community. Vince has done the legwork on targeting Builders and Realtors, Tarik will do the follow up.

Al also presented a draft of a letter to attract a big name, e.g. Jeb and/or Laura Bush to speak at a gathering where people will pay a large sum of money to attend. Hopefully this letter will go out before the end of the month.

Art Fair

“Art in the Park” will be held on the Glon property on February 20th from 10:00am until 5:00pm. MICMS will have to pay the approximate \$200 to spray the ground for ants. The Art League will be very involved in this project. Mr. Abounader will contact the newspapers for advertising. Rotary volunteers and school volunteers will be on hand to control the parking on this day.

Cash Raffle

Vince Magee has a commitment for 50 tickets. But he hopes to sell 100. Each board member has 10 tickets each to sell. Vince would also like all teachers to commit to selling 2 tickets each.

Ticket sales are usually high in the last couple of weeks.

Jaimie Bakke has relayed to MICMS that she would like to hold a fashion show fundraiser, but at this time we do not know when or where.

Poker Night

Jim Reinders will report on this next month.

Silent Auction

Elaine Orr will be sending letters to all the members of the Island Country Club, hoping that some will buy tickets to attend this function. Donations for the auction are starting to arrive.

All events and dates will be printed on the back of the Accountability Statement, so that parents can have a better understanding where they can volunteer their time.

10. New Business

Motown Marco will be held at the Marriott at 6:30pm on January 29th. Our concern is that on Jan 28th at the Marriott, the Chamber of Commerce is holding a 40th celebration for Marco Island. Will people spend \$100 for the Chamber function and another \$50 the very next day for the Motown Marco?

11. President's Report

There is no President's Report at this time.

12. Principle's Report

There is no Principal's Report at this time.

13. Comments from the Public**14. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Mulhere; this was seconded by Pat Lane. This motion passed☺