

**Marco Island Charter Middle School  
1401 Trinidad Ave  
Marco Island, FL 34145**

**Minutes: January 30, 2012**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Tarik Ayson, President  
Lisa Meurgue, Vice President  
Gayle Collins, Secretary  
Jennifer Tenny, Secretary (Absent)  
Stepanie Percel, Member  
Allyson Richards, Member  
Vince McGee, Member (arrived 6:10)  
Christopher DeSantis, Member  
George Abounader, Principal/CEO, Ex-Officio Non Voting Member,  
Maria Hayden Controller

Tarik asked to move Fundraising right below approval of minutes. Gayle asked to add 5 items to agenda; review of officer's duties, enrollment, parent contributions, schedule of items needed to be accomplished by board by end of year and cleanliness of school. Tarik objected to scheduling of items and asked George to provide list of these items and we would dedicate a meeting to these.

**Motion to approve agenda was made by Gayle second by Lisa and voted unanimously.**

**Motion to approve minutes from December 5, 2011 meeting made by Lisa. Second by Stephanie and voted unanimously.**

Heidi Moss accepted the volunteer position of Fundraising Chairman which was offered to her by Tarik. Heidi wanted to know what fundraisers were currently being worked on:

Coffee Fundraiser  
5K Run  
Garage Sale

We also have a tentative date for Fun Fair of February 8 and 9, 2013. It was stated we would like to do Queen for A Day again, and Boogies and Blues next year.

Vince McGee suggested more school dances, after discussion it was decided 3 more could be done per year, another idea was a spaghetti dinner before school events.

**Motion by Lisa to appoint Heidi Moss as Fund Raising Chairman second by Allyson. Voted unanimously.**

George explained he met with the manager at the Marriott and is working with him to build a relationship to help with our fundraising. They donated \$2400.00 to our school recently.

**Public Comment/Staff Comment:**

Lisa wanted to know why the 7th and 8th grade students were not included in the trip to visit the traveling wall at Veterans Park. George stated only the 6th grade teachers asked for field trip. It was agreed by all that all kids should have went and that when these opportunities come up we should take advantage for all students.

Vince asked if we were sending thank-you notes to the various organizations that have helped us with our fundraising. Maria stated she does this and they are signed by George.

Lisa stated she has been told that both the Island Country Club and the City Tennis Center have offered their facilities to us. She asked if Roger knew this and if so, why don't we take advantage of this.

Lisa also asked if we get involved in "Academic World Quest" and other academic competitions held in Collier County. George and Maureen stated they believe we did compete in this but will verify and email information to board.

Maureen Marcoux stated all grades are competing in a spelling bee which begins February 8th. She will pass the information to all board members.

Vince commented on Collier County Public School scheduling. We have many days off between now and FCATs and after FCATs there are no days off. George said he will inform Vince when the district forms the committee which does the school calendar.

Maria wanted to discuss the Parent Contribution Form. Tarik asked to have it also in Spanish. Allyson Richards and Maria will revise commitment letter which goes out at end of month, showing volunteer opportunities. Discussion took place regarding board members calling families to persuade parents to fulfill their commitment.

It was decided we would send out a calendar of events each month with the accountability statement and also post this information on our website. We will also post the website address on our sign board.

**Presidents Remarks:**

Tarik explained this would not be a regular item but he wanted to make the following comments as he considers this the first meeting. Tarik wanted to thank Jennifer for her

past years as President. Tarik stated he would like to run the meeting as follows: When a subject is brought up we go around the table and each person has a chance to voice his /her comments a second round of comments will be offered and then we will vote. He thanked all board members for volunteering and passed out an organization chart for MICMS. Tarik stated he likes to go to wealthy people in Naples and get contributions . He stated he got a contribution of three lots which went to Friends of Marco Island Charter Middle School.

Discussion led to Friends of Marco which Tarik said he is the school board member who is on the board of Friends of Marco? Vince explained only the interest made each year can be spent, the principal must stay in the corporation. Vince stated Patrick Lane was on the board of Friends of Marco.

#### Treasurer's Report:

George presented the financials stating we are in line with the budget, but it is very tight. He explained we will finalize what are FTE money will be in February. Areas of concern are the electric bill. George is working on ways to reduce this bill.

Tarik stated he has a meeting scheduled with Michelle LaBute, COO from CCPS. He thinks it is wise to go ask the district to cover the cost of 1/2 of the electric bill. Gayle expressed concern that he would open this can of worms without talking to Mr. Raymond and other people who are involved in this. He stated as President he does know about this and he does not have to talk to Mr. Raymond. Tarik states he can discuss matters with George because he is president of this board and then give us a report. Tarik states we hold these games due to a facilities agreement we have. Mark Albanese agreed that Tarik should discuss with Mr. Raymond before he meets with district and Tarik agreed he would discuss with Mr. Raymond before he has meeting. Mark asked for clarification of what is service and what is repair. Tarik then explained his meeting was not an official meeting and should it become official, we would discuss it.

#### Tech Committee Report:

Maureen reviewed the report she handed out informing the views of all teachers who are using the I Pads we purchased. She also explained we have purchased 53 additional computers. Maureen explained goal of this committee is to decide if I Pads should replace text books.

#### Student Enrollment

Currently at 410, but we still have 3 additional sections of 6th grade classes. Our budget was based on 400 so this is good.

#### Cleaning:

George stated he has looked at a cleaning service but they want an outrageous amount of money. George explained a \$6,000 floor cleaner would make it possible to clean the floors much more often as it would do the floors in much less time.

We are now spending 60 hours per week cleaning. Gayle stated we need to find a way to relieve our Dean of Students and Plant Manager from handing out lunch.

**Vince McGee made a motion to buy the cleaning machine and add cleaning hours to the budget. Second by Gayle, voted unanimously.**

Much discussion was held regarding getting more volunteers at lunch but no final plan was decided.

Officer's Duties:

Only new board members need to do training. We discussed bringing in a Charter School Attorney to do Governance Training.

**Allyson Richards made a motion to hold this training off until August. Motion seconded by Stephanie. Voted unanimously.**

A+ School Recognition Money Distribution Plan

Maureen explained process of vote and how a revote had to be done as a minimum of three people were not aware of the deadline which caused a revote.

**Vince made a motion to approve the plan which won in the vote done by teachers and staff, second by Allyson. Approved unanimously.**

Old Business:

Lisa asked for Mr. Raymond's report regarding the cost of bussing kids to games. Tarik wants to see this report so he can allocate the money to cover the cost of this. Tarik stated Teacher's Contracts would be an agenda meeting at the next meeting. George passed out an example of our Teacher's Contract for the board to review. He also passed out a handout regarding class curriculum by grade.

A workshop was scheduled for February 22nd at 5:00 p.m. in order to hopefully be able to conclude this item at the next board meeting.

The next board meeting is to be held February 27th at 6:00 pm

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Lisa, second by Stephanie. Voted unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:40.