

Marco Island Charter Middle School
Board Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.

Call to order at 5:35 pm

Board members present:
Tarik Ayasun, President
Chris DeSantis, Vice President
Jennifer Tenney, Treasurer
Joan Pernice, Member
Dave Homuth, Member
Jamie Bergen, Member
Sue Itayem, Member

Allyson Richards, Secretary, approved absence. Jennifer Tenney will fill in to act as secretary.

Jennifer made a motion to approve the agenda. Sue seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer made a motion to approve the minutes for March 13th and May 7th; Joan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tarik gave the President's report and presented on the Board providing teacher recognition in the form of an award with a monetary award as well as recognition. To be called the Soaring Eagle Award. The recipient of this year's Soaring Eagle award is Ms. Albanese. This is her 10th year here. Her students got the 2nd highest score in the state last year for Algebra (1 pt less than 1st place) and all of the student passed again this year! Not only does she have results, but for her, a student failing is not an option, and she will put in all the time and commitment necessary to make sure that student has every reason to do well. The students respect her and she is a great asset to our school.

There were no public/staff comments.

New Business: CEO's Report. Principal George Abounader put together a comprehensive report on all subject areas of the report:

1. State Assessment Results-Mr. Abounader anticipates another "A"! He wanted to point out, however, the our incoming students (incoming 5th graders) proficiency in math is an issue! Our feeder schools come in with 43%-63% of their students BELOW proficiency in Math!!! At MICMS, 25% will move out of intensive in 6th grade, another 53% will move out in 7th grade, and another 47% will move out in 8th grade ... so MICMS is doing a great job at making students who come in not proficient, proficient! Also, to note as a comparison, our competition middle schools get their students with only 10-16% below math proficiency. This is

- something we have to deal with. In addition we are purchasing another software program that will help students even further.
2. Saturday School Policy- On the Principal's recommendation, Dave moved to pass a new Saturday School Policy as outlined in the memorandum, in which Students who miss Saturday School, if they are ordered to go there for either academic or disciplinary reasons, will upon their first miss, lose their privileges, including lunch outside, out of uniform days (both until Saturday School is completed), and no participation for the next 5 consecutive days in extracurricular activities including sports. If they miss assigned Saturday School for a second time, they will continue to lose the privileges, and there shall be no participation in extracurricular activities, including sports, for the next two months. Upon the third time missing assigned Saturday School, they will be give the choice to withdraw or will be dismissed from MICMS. Sue seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
 3. Enrollment for 2014-2015-In light of only 125 students enrolled in the 6th grade at this time, at the recommendation of the principal, Jennifer moved to set the seat capacity for 6th grade at 132, which allows the principal to reduce the teaching staff by one teacher, provide more continuity in instructions, and provide another mini-lab which will be used for testing. Jamie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 4. Update on the 2014-15 Budget-While Health Insurance, Transportation, Custodial, Nurse, and Speech Pathologist and Psychological services are all more than anticipated, the Principal was able to still balance the budget by reducing the seat capacity as explained in item 3 and reducing 2 teacher positions.
 5. Computer purchases-due to testing requirements and the need for updated technology, Jennifer moved to approve the prior allocation for technology be increased to \$81,474 to purchase the tech items required and additional money as necessary to pay for shipping and handling. Dave seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 6. 2013-2014 budget-Due to excellent money management and savings we anticipate a surplus of \$89,161.66, prior to awarding bonuses as explained below.
 7. The Board discussed and gave approval for the Principal to research and receive bids from different banks for our operating accounts in light of 5/3 charging excessive fees.
 8. Fundraising 2014-2015. A breakdown was given on the fundraisers for this past year and the Festival on Marco and a potential Hamilton Arts fundraiser was discussed. We would like to see figures from the Festival showing the income and expenses.
 9. Advertising on the Buses-President Tarik is currently working with Marriott, Hilton, and other businesses to obtain sponsors for our new buses. He is also working with a company that will plan out the spots and stickers and give us prices to charge. Marco Island Academy will most likely be using the buses for a price and Tarik and others are working on getting the appropriate licenses to drive.
 10. The Soaring Eagle award was discussed in the President's Report.

11. The CEO/Principal, Vice Principal and Dean left the room and the Board discussed and approved bonuses for the leadership and staff. We really appreciate their hard work and the contributions they make towards running the school efficiently.
12. Extension of CEO/Principal Contract. Both the CEO/Principal and Board were unaware that the CEO/Principal's Contract expired on June 30, 2014. We did not have time to properly review the current contract so the Board decided to extend the contract for 90 days so we could review the contract structure and discuss it at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19th at 5:30 pm. We are all encouraged to attend Back to School Night and set up fundraising tables in the lobby. There will also be a New Student Orientation on Thursday, August 14th at 6pm. School opens Monday August 18.

Sue made a motion to adjourn, Jennifer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.