

**The Mountain Community School Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
July 25, 2023

Location: The Mountain Community School

**Call to Order**

6:03 p.m. by Sarah Cosgrove

**Board Members present:** Sarah Cosgrove, Aimie Burns, Rick Prudhomme, Amy Jones, Shalee Beddingfield, Carina Erkel, Adam Silverberg, Lane Perry, Leigh Paschke, Lauren Tilden

**Staff members present:** Anthony Johnson, Cathey Chet

**Also present:** Bethel Dirks, Brad Hallmark, Jessica Freeman

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion made to approve the agenda by Rick Prudhomme; seconded by Carina Erkel.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Approval of May 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Motion made to approve the May meeting minutes by Carina Erkel; seconded by Lane Perry.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**TMCS Updates**

- Mural Proposal by Cathey Chet for the Jackson Park-facing side of the main school building. Possible design, using ideas from students, and artist suggested. Potential cost would be around \$7,000. Input from community and funds are still needed.
- EOG scores update by Brad Hallmark: Presentation of 2022-2023 scores compared to 2021-2022 scores showing the percentage of students who passed the EOG in each grade.
- Personal introduction by each board member.

**Principal's Report**

- June Budget Report: Deficit shown of \$95,000, due to reverted DHHS funds that weren't used for a full-time nurse; budgeting of Discovery Park; and increase in teacher salaries.

**Approval of June Budget Report**

Motion made to approve the June budget report by Rick Prudhomme; seconded by Amy Jones.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- Introduction of three newly hired staff.
- Discussion of changes to the student handbook, which included an anti-bullying policy. Possible future additions include a QBS crisis intervention policy and an anti-bullying policy designed for adults. Ideas discussed for rewarding students who show good citizenship.
- Committee update: Parents had the option to choose which committees they would like to serve on in the forms packet. Sixty-one responses were received; creating the committees is the next step.

- Required board documents distributed for signatures by board members.
- Funding: ERC (Employee Retention Credit) consultation scheduled since charter schools are eligible for the credit.
- Two grants currently being written: Awesome Grant for fruit trees in Discovery Park and Z Reynolds Grant (\$75,000) to be used for Discovery Park and mural wall.
- Fundraising: Focus will be on raising money to complete Discovery Park. Discussion of various fundraising strategies.

### **Other Business**

- The next board meeting is August 29, 2023 at 6 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

Motion made to adjourn by Carina Erkel; seconded by Amy Jones.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm by Sarah Cosgrove.

Submitted by Bethel Dirks