

The Mountain Community School Board
Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2023
Location: The Mountain Community School

Call to Order

6:04 p.m. by Sarah Cosgrove

Board Members present: Sarah Cosgrove, Aimie Burns, Carina Erkel, Leigh Paschke, Brad Ward, Rick Prudhomme, Shalee Beddingfield, Amy Bracken, Adam Silverberg, Rebecca Schwartz

Staff members present: Anthony Johnson, Brad Hallmark, Jessica Freeman, Melissa Schuler, Bethel Dirks

Approval of Agenda

Motion made to approve the agenda by Carina Erkel; seconded by Brad Ward.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of August 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion made to approve the July meeting minutes by Leigh Paschke; seconded by Brad Ward.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment

- Crystal Schroader: Field trip policy should be revised so that all parents are allowed to drive their children on educational field trips.
- Becca Warren: Field trips should allow all parents to drive and chaperone.

Approval of August Budget Report

Motion made to approve the August budget report by Rick Prudhomme; seconded by Brad Ward. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Principal's Report

- Discussion of field trip chaperone policy. Email sent to families details the current policy as laid out in the Parent Handbook and will remain in place currently.
- School Development: discussion of current absences and referrals/suspension days.
- School Mental Health Improvement Plan, Suicide Protocol, and Health and Active Children Report submitted.
- Math Tutoring grant report will be completed soon.
- Webinar for SB 49 (Parent's Bill of Rights) happens on 9/28. More information on needed changes will come in October.
- Grants for Discovery Park, general operating expenses, and Gaggle have been applied for.
- ERC (Employee Retention Credit): \$389,000 could be received, minus a 12% commission, but will likely not be processed until January.

Update by Melissa Schuler, Social Media Coordinator

- Creating addition to TMCS logo to celebrate 25th anniversary.
- Personal surveys given to board members for future social media posts about the board.

TMCS Updates

- School Development update by Rick Prudhomme: discussion of how the previous plan for school expansion was developed, with print resources provided.
- Staff visioning project update by Sarah Cosgrove: same survey given to board was taken by staff. Many responses mirrored answers from the board survey and were helpful in understanding the needs of the staff.
- Marketing and Growth Community update by Sarah Cosgrove
- Fundraising Community update by Shalee Beddingfield: book fair, basket raffle, winter festival are upcoming fundraisers.

- PTC Community update by Amy Bracken: fundraising calendar being created to give an idea of upcoming volunteer needs. Google forms will start to be used to track volunteer hours instead of using the Track It Forward app.

Other Business

- The next board meeting is October 24, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by Rick Prudhomme; seconded by Amy Bracken.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm by Sarah Cosgrove.

Submitted by Bethel Dirks