



Regular Board Meeting Minutes –Version B

M.I.T.C.H. CHARTER SCHOOL

Thursday January 15, 2014, 7pm

19550 SW 90th Court

Tualatin, OR 97062

Members Present: Wayne Laird, Donna Capodacqua, Christa Griffiths, Jody Blakely, Steven Burke, Kurt Ostermiller, and Melissa Meyer (non-voting)

Members Absent: Jason Holland, Julie Bosket, Lindsay Childers

Guests: See sign in sheet

The Multi-Sensory Instruction Teaching Children Hands-On (M.I.T.C.H.) Vision & Mission M.I.T.C.H. Charter School, where every child excels academically, pursues a Core Knowledge Foundation School of Distinction designation with agriculture fully integrated throughout our curriculum.

Our mission is to teach a coherent, cumulative, and content-specific curriculum in language arts, history, geography, mathematics, science, the arts and agriculture so that our students become literate, knowledgeable, and confident leaders serving our community, nation and world.

I. Call to order, roll call, pledge, and mission statement 7:03pm

II. Approval of the November Meeting Minutes

Version B was distributed to all members.

Motion by: Donna

Second: Steve

For: All

Motion approved. November meeting minutes version B

III. Public Comment

Beth Hudson informed the board, in preparation for future budgets, it is the intent of the parent committee to start a PSO for future fundraising.

IV. Director's Report

Melissa updated the board on the presentation given to TTSD board. It was received well. It was noted that Superintendent Brown commended MITCH for providing clear objectives. Further TTSD communications continue as we move forward with the future Charter renewal and to strengthen the ties with TTSD to hopefully utilize in the future education resources. This presentation is available on the MITCH Board Website.

Melissa discussed the upcoming OAKS and Smarter Balance state testing. A draft schedule was presented. 5th & 8th Grades will take Science tests in February and 3-8th will take smarter balance tests in April. The state mandates the dates. New chrome books have been purchased to accommodate the tight testing schedule. Using existing technology funds in this years budget. Melissa also advised the board and

parents that test results may not be available before the school years' end. Sample tests and info are available online. <http://oaksportal.org/students/> Kindergarten 2015-2016, This will be the first year of full day Kindergarten. After review of the current and anticipated enrollments for next year, Melissa advised the board that next year, 2 Kindergarten classes will be held, creating the new rolling double grades. Offering one or two sixth grade classes is dependent upon re-enrollment. This change will not affect overall enrollment; the charter allows for 250.

Groundbreaking at the Frontier Property: Melissa noted the Ribbon cutting ceremony will be Jan 30th at 1pm. It will include City officials, Frontier officials and students and staff. Please join in.

V. Committee Updates

A. Finance Committee

Wayne updated the board: the Finance committee did not meet in December. Regular meetings have been set for the second Wednesday of the month. Financials were distributed to board members via email prior to this meeting.

- November Financials

Wayne makes a motion to approve November expenditures, totaling \$122,983.79, including checks #8791-8847 and associated electronic checks and hand checks.

Motion by: Wayne

Second: Steve

For: All

Motion Passes

- December Financials

Wayne makes a motion to approve December expenditures, totaling \$127,169.27, including checks #8848-8885 and associated electronic checks and hand checks.

Motion by: Wayne

Second: Donna

For: All

Motion Passes

B. Auction committee

- Renea Ostermiller gave an update on the auction. Major donations have began to come in. To be held March 6th. Renea is requesting that the board bring guests outside the MITCH community and find a business or personal sponsors. She discussed the 4 levels of sponsorships, available from \$250-2000, and a variety of perks that may come with it.

C. Playground Committee

Beth updated the board on the playground. In November the committee via the Parent committee voted on the preferred design. It was noted that the committee did receive 3 bids and the selection was based on design and best fit. A local Oregon Company, Playcraft was selected. Design tweaks are anticipated. Cost is anticipated to be approx. \$50k. The plan is to fundraise and write grants in order to install by the start of the new school year.

VI. Discussion Items

- A. Melissa requested clarification on the parent survey. It was determined this survey is best handled by the board. Beth, Donna, Christa and Melissa are willing to participate in crafting the questions. Christa noted that a staff member should also participate. In order to maintain confidentiality, and neutrality, the results will be sent to the board chair and board secretary.

VIII. Action Items

none

VIII. Public Comment

Erika Sadighi requested that consideration be given to a foreign language next year for middle school.

Jill Donnely would like to know what middle school will look like next year. She also commented on the PBIs program. She believes it isn't working well at the Middle school level.

IX. Board Comment

Wayne mentioned that the board should consider next years members. Recruitment – Active board members will need to be recruited again this year. Christa to send the board info on expiring seats.

X. Adjournment -

Meeting ends 8:35pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Strategy Work Session Jan 17th, 10am

Regular Board Meeting
February 19th 7pm

Fireside Chat
March 17th 5:30pm