

**Board Minutes: Maritime Charter School - August 20, 2020**

Present: T. O'Brien, K. Terryberry, J. Eicheldinger, B. Tompkins, G. Crawley, B. Bunny, S. Iraci, Dr. Jetter

Others present: D. Comerford, C. Oldenburg, W. Vasquez, J. Mellot

**Topics and Discussion**

**1. Call to order:** 5:17pm. Via Zoom

**2. Review/Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes from July 16, 2020 were accepted. Minutes of June 18, 2020 were accepted. Motion to accept Joe Eicheldinger. Seconded Glenda Crawley. Unanimous vote.

Announcement made: Two board positions are open. Bruce Morrison and Demaris Johnson resigned effective immediately.

**3. Invitation for Public Comment: NONE**

**4. Faculty Report:** No report.

**5. Parent Report:** Questions are coming in about transportation for the upcoming year. Also, are we going full remote? (See Administration Report)

**6. Administration Report:** Commandant:

Attendance plan-

- Middle School/5-8/ Traditional 5 days/week on-site classes (7 full remote learning)
- High School/9-12/ Hybrid 2 days/week on-site classes; balance remote learning (22 full remote learning)

Transportation-

- NY State requirement is that school systems are required to provide transportation for all charter schools. With some discussion, the suburban schools will comply.
- Buffalo City Schools are renegeing. Our intent is to, for the near term, provide our own transport (est cost to WNYMCS is \$3,000.00 per month). BPS could stall through legal action and the legal expenses would be extraordinary.

Student Information

- Boot Camp- 116 New Students, 39 Middle School, 77 High School (97 attending)
- Student Population 2020/2021
  - Middle School: 5<sup>th</sup>-9 (+1 expected), 6<sup>th</sup>-10, 7<sup>th</sup>-25, 8<sup>th</sup>-52 / Total 95(+1 expected)
  - High School: 9<sup>th</sup>-92, 10<sup>th</sup>-86, 11<sup>th</sup>-106, 12<sup>th</sup>-85 / Total 369
  - Grand Total: 464 (+1 expected); 29 Fully Remote Learning

Finances: Stronger than earlier in the year as money has started to arrive.

South Park School-Susan Gibbons tour

- Painted and cleaned; very warm atmosphere
- Kitchen to be open for business- Mid September
- Elevator to be operational- Mid October
- Loan approved, to be signed August 24 or 25

Morale

- Kudos to Heather Fleming for her IT Support regarding covid19 Chromebook security response and Data implementation of new school-84 Chromebooks/ 50 Hotspot Capable Security system identifies key words and blocks unacceptable websites.- Dr. Jetter
- HS Teachers in at work and excited for the challenge of the academic year- Commandant Oldenburg/Dr. Jetter
- MS Teachers solid, Math teachers printed up their own workbooks to supplement remote learning- LCol Mellot
- Teachers concerned about their own personal families and how to alleviate stress

Student uniforms for 2020

- HS- one day service dress/one day PT uniform
- MS- PT gear will be supplied by WNYMCS at no charge to student

Parking at South Park Campus

Rite Aid Parking Lot is being used for free. There is a possibility that it will be available for purchase. Talks have been ongoing relative to WNYMCS purchase of the lot. A motion was requested to continue the talks.

B. Bunny moved to continue the talks without commitment. Barb Tomkins Seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Title I Grant requests (2) to be submitted week of 8/24- Dr. Jetter

- E-Book initiative
- E.L.L. Support

Financial:

- No Report- Joe Eicheldinger will schedule a meeting with Kirsitz Accountants for review and report to the Board

Old Business:

- None pending

New Business:

- Dedication of School on South Park Avenue scheduled for September 17, 2020 at 4 pm. Dignitaries to attend:
  - Scott Bieler- CEO West Herr Inc
  - Byron Brown-Mayor of Buffalo
  - Catherine Collins-Board of Regents
  - Chris Scanlon-South District, City of Buffalo Councilman
- Next Board Meeting- September 17<sup>th</sup> 2020. 5:15pm

Motion to close- Glenda Crawley, Seconded- Sam Iraci, and Unanimous vote to approve

Meeting Closed 6:38 pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Bernard M. Bunny  
WNYMCS Executive Secretary