



REGULAR MEETING OF THE RMCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES: April 12, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

Location(s)

3880 Cypress Drive, Suite B, Petaluma CA 94954
22 Link Street, NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120
1815 Chestnut Street, Oakland CA 94607

A. CALL TO ORDER

Director Hautau called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

Roll Call: Directors Akognon, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews, Hammons (at 6:15pm)

Also Present: Executive Director Griffith-Mannion, Rich McNeel; Guest: Catherine Thorpe

B. RMCS MISSION & VISION

Read by Dir. Lohrentz

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Catherine Thorpe asked to investigate having hybrid Board Meetings

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to amend moving item G2 before E

Motion to approve as amended Dir. Hautau, 2nd Dir. Akognon

Aye: Directors Akognon, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews,

Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

G. 2. Finance Report: Finances remain better than the approved budget. Rich from Charter Impact discussed the surplus, which is due in large part to the hold harmless agreement for enrollment. Enrollment is still low..

E. BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Dir Hautau informed the board of the first meeting today with a consultant to update our Strategic Plan. This will be a streamlined, in-house document focused on manageable action to reach tangible goals to move us toward the big vision. The final product of these sessions will be a transparent living document. Some highlights of the first session included an emphasis on our role in the community, marketing to our base, and identifying the “audience” of the document. We anticipate having a draft of the document for review together in June and a finalized Strategic Plan to kick off the new school year. This document will also be shared with funders as we grow our Fund Development efforts.

F. APPROVE MINUTES

1. **January 11, 2023:** Postponed

2. **March 8, 2023:** Postponed

G. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Executive Director's Report: Exec. Dir. Griffith-Mannion reported that she led a tour for PEF with a group of 15 members from the Chamber of Commerce called Leadership Petaluma who were touring local schools of special interest. Dir. Hautau was onsite and joined the tour group, explaining how the school operates as well as the goals and mission of RMCS. It was a nice networking opportunity within the immediate community. Partnership meetings were a nice way to start the break — the faculty enjoyed their much deserved break and came back energized for the home stretch. Curriculum Reading Remediation is wrapping up. May look into Orton-Gillingham as a possible program to utilize. The school year is wrapping up and it is time to look forward. ELPAC assessment is complete. The four week CAASPP window begins on Monday the April. Upper EI projects are culminating. A new Health Education Coordinator will be coming to the school to speak to the Upper EI classes about puberty. Sixth Years are enjoying their Stock Market projects. The overnight for Sixth Years will be games and midnight pizza at the school on April 28. The partnership with the library is progressing. The Rotary Club made a visit to donate dictionaries, which students enjoy. Attendance has been abysmal all year, with truancy and chronic absenteeism. P2 attendance is accurate.

3. River Montessori Foundation Report: Catherine Thorpe reported that the Walkathon did very well financially with \$40K raised. Dates are on the books for next year's events. Movie Night for families and the Carnival are upcoming.

4. Marketing Report: None

5. Facilities Report: None

H. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

1. El Dorado SELPA/RMCS CAC Member: Discussed Jan Wojotowicz for position as Representative.

Motion to approve Dir. Hautau, 2nd Dir. Lohrentz

Aye: Directors Akognon, Lohrentz, Hautau, Hammons, Matthews,

Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

2. 23/24 Board Meeting Calendar: Meetings will be on the second Wednesday except November, which will be moved to Tuesday the 7th, and April which will be Wednesday, April 17, 2024. No action.

3. COVID-19 Update: Some students have tested positive. There is no new government guidance. This will be the last time this item will be a regular agenda item. No Action.

4. Executive Director & Superintendent Evaluation: This is a three year report. The document will be filled out and there will be a meeting to report. No Action

5. ELOP Grant: Funds are apportioned to school districts and charter schools based on prior year classroom-based average daily attendance for grades kindergarten through sixth grade (TK/K-6) and the prior year unduplicated pupil percentage as of the Second Principal Apportionment. The purpose of these funds is for afterschool and summer school enrichment programs as described in Education Code Section 46120. The funding is coming. No charge for certain demographics and a sliding scale for others. No Action.

6. ELOG Grant: The purpose of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant (ELO-G) is to extend instructional learning time for the 2021-22 and the 2022-23 school years by increasing the number of instructional days or minutes provided during the school year, providing summer school or intersessional instructional programs, or taking any other action that increases the amount of instructional time or services provided to pupils based on their learning needs. No Action.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Policy for next year to be discussed on June 28th

J. ADJOURNMENT

Director Hautau motioned to adjourn at 8:07pm, 2nd Dir. Hammons

Aye: Directors Akognon, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews, Hammons

Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

FUTURE MEETING DATE(S):

Virtual Meetings: 5:30 p.m., On-Campus Meetings: 6:30 p.m. TBD pending health directives

May 10, 2023

June 28, 2023

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I, Judith Matthews, Secretary of the RMCS Board of Directors, hereby certify that these minutes were approved at the 05/10/23 RMCS Board Meeting.

Judith Matthews

Secretary, RMCS Board of Directors

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