



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RMCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Approved Minutes: October 12, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

Location(s)

☐ Virtual: Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89335730882?pwd=bTRWTGYxbnFnUXduWEhva1IOWGRaUT09>

Meeting ID: 893 3573 0882 **Password:** 4z5WfS

A. Call to Order

Roll Call: Director Hautau called to order at 5:32pm - Directors Akognon, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews, Strong, Hammons, Staff:: Executive Director Mannion.

B. RMCS Mission & Vision

Read by Executive Director Mannion

C. Public Comment

None

D. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve Dir. Strong, 2nd Dir. Akognon

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

Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

E. Board Development - None

F. Approve Minutes

August 10, 2022 Approve with one addition

Motion to approve Dir. Matthews, 2nd Dir. Strong

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

Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

September 7, 2022

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

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

Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

G. Communications

1. Executive Director's Report: Executive Director Mannion is happy to be back on campus. She observed Upper EI Children who are growing their into roles and will visit all classes to observe students, curriculum, environments, guides, and where support is needed. Social and emotional development is still normalizing following Covid. Sixth-year projects, Leadership Lunches, and team-building, are coming along nicely. Required and local assessments have been completed and are driving curriculum for students. Enrollment is increasing. Compliance deadlines upcoming and consuming. Meeting with OAUDS will assist in decisions about agreed upon meal program. Parent University, Montessori Discovery Journey will be postponed. A survey for adults and youth will be upcoming with Board input into questions, results to be discussed in Board Retreat.
2. Finance Report: Back Office company 'Charter Impact' continues to provide services. Transitional assistance is still required from Michelle Leonard. Last year's close is pending.
3. River Montessori Foundation Report: None
4. Marketing Report: None
5. Facilities Report: None

H. Items for Board Consideration

1. Discussion & Action: Determination of Virtual Meeting, the RMCS BOD makes an original determination to host meetings virtually after considering the 1) state of emergency and 2) the continued recommendation of state/local officials to recommend social distancing which impacts the ability of BOD members and the public to meet safely.
Motion to approve Dir. Hautau, 2nd Dir. Matthews
Aye: Directors Akognon, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews, Strong, Hammons
Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0
2. Discussion & Action: COVID 19 update: Watching for any change in guidance from local and state authorities. RMCS remains a symptom-free environment. No action.

3. Discussion & Action: Circumstances of Emergency & Continuance of AB 361 Exemptions. Motion for Continuance of the 30 day motion.
Motion: Hautau Second: Strong
Aye: Directors Akognon, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews, Strong, Hammons
Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0
4. Discussion & Action: Universally Advised Potential Extension by Auditor - Auditor, CLA, requests that RMCS advise OAUSD that CLA may request an extension for the audit. No action.
5. Discussion & Action: Finance Policy Review. Language to be clarified in finance policy per consultation with attorney. Resumption of quarterly finance committee meeting, postponed due to Board changes and Covid restrictions.
Motion: Hautau Second: Strong
Aye: Directors Akognon, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews, Strong, Hammons
Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

Discussion regarding purchasing limits to be raised to \$100K for Contracts & Agreements and \$50K for Purchasing.
Motion to adjust limits as outlined
Motion: Strong Second: Matthews
Aye: Directors Akognon, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews, Strong, Hammons
Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0
6. Discussion & Action: New Members. No action.
7. Discussion & Action: Annual Board of Director Elections
Motion for officers to continue in current positions
Motion: Strong Second: Hammons
Aye: Directors Akognon, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews, Strong, Hammons
Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0
Farewell and thank you to Dir Strong who advises that she is resigning BOD but will be available for artwork and design.

I. Future Agenda Items

- Discuss Retreat
- Future 403B's
- Board Retreat combined with Creator Faire?

J. Adjournment 7:05pm

Motion: Hautau, Second: Hammons
Aye: Directors Akognon, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews, Strong, 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.

November 9, 2022	February 8, 2023	June 28, 2023
December 7, 2022	March 8, 2023	
January 7, 2023	April 12, 2023	
January 11, 2023	May 10, 2023	

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1. Agendas are available to all community members 2. Community members who wish to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of "Public Comment" will be given an opportunity to do so. 3. "Public Comment" is set aside for members of the community to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws (Brown Act), the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Exceptions to these time limits may be made at the discretion of the Board Chair. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concerns or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen requested agenda item. 4. With regard to items that are on the agenda, you may speak for up to (3) minutes when the Board discusses that item. Exceptions to this time may be made at the discretion of the Board Chair. 5. Community members may request in writing that a topic related to school business be considered for placement on a future agenda. Requests should be addressed to the Board Chair. If such an item is placed on the agenda and publicly noticed, the Board can respond, interact, and act upon the item.

I, Judith Matthews, Secretary of the RMCS Board of Directors, hereby certify that these minutes were approved at the November 9, 2022 RMCS Board Meeting.

Electronic Signature:

Judith Matthews
Secretary, RMCS Board of Directors

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