

Michael Frome Academy
Board Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2009
6:00 pm

1. Call to order 6:13 pm
2. Role Call: Greg Westmoreland, Claire Emery, Don Emery, Kendra Hunding, Shawna Traver, Richard Bend, Terrance Bro, Jane Husnik,
3. Absent: Amanda (Snyder) Sardeson
4. Misc. Attendees: Bob Engstrom, Kirsten Kinzler, Traci LaFerrier, Maryalice McCool, Diana Richart
5. Approval of 11/18/08 minutes: Jane motions to approve minutes, Terrance seconds
6. Approval of 1/13/09 agenda: Greg motions to approve agenda, Terrance seconds, motion passes
7. Treasurer's/Finance Report
 - a. Traci presented Balance Sheet and Income Statement through December 2008
 - b. Lease aid situation-MDE has not approved MFA for lease aid, Kirsten continues to work with MDE and submit required information
 - c. Greg motions to approve \$10 gift from Wonderment, Richard seconds, motion passes
 - d. Traci shared update on securing a line of credit
 - e. Greg motions to approve Treasurer's/Finance Report, Terrance seconds, motion passes
8. Celebrations
 - a. Finance Award
 - b. Suzuki Music teacher-violin fittings
 - c. Laptop training
 - d. Staff marriages
 - e. Jane Husnik, Co-Board Chair, will be living in Switzerland (March-August)
9. Reports from staff
 - a. Successful return from break
 - b. New phone system with new number: 651-925-5050; 651-925-5051 (fax)
 - c. Ball chairs are successful
10. Committee reports
 - a. Marketing-Greg
 - b. Parent Committee-Terrance
 - i. At meeting last week discussed Suzuki, evaluation of students
 - c. Facility-Richard
 - i. Committee will meet the 4th Thursday of each month beginning January 22nd
 - d. Curriculum-Kendra
 - i. Mapping for all grade levels

- e. Fundraising-Greg
 - i. Target, Barnes and Noble, Box Tops

OLD BUSINESS

1. Suzuki update-covered in earlier report

NEW BUSINESS

1. Enrollment 09-10
 - a. Kindergarten Lottery-March 6; Richard motions to hold Kindergarten lottery on March 6, Terrance seconds, motion passes
2. Review strategic planning session
 - a. Plan a Spring retreat
3. Review Open Meeting Law
 - a. Richard reviewed major points of the Open Meeting Law
4. Provision in By Laws in respect to committee decisions
5. MFA Board Policy Review
 - a. Mandatory MSBA policies 102 and 205
 - b. Board Members will sign conflict of interest forms and return by February 10th Board Meeting

Board Chair Comments:

1. Board is moving from operational to governing
2. Parent question opportunity will be offered but moved to accommodate time constraints

Open Questions:

1. Suzuki music program-options for parents who cannot attend student rehearsals
2. Use of additional room for Suzuki practice
3. Reviewed to-do list
4. Google groups

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Adjourn Meeting: Claire motioned to adjourn meeting, meeting adjourned at 8:22pm