

MeANS Board of Directors
Minutes
Thursday, 1/19/2023
At the Maine Academy of Natural Sciences School building
13 Easler Road, Hinckley, ME 04944

Board of Directors Present: Chair Mike Muir, Mary Callan (Zoom), Bob Dodge, Dana Doran (Zoom), Whitney King, Kim Patnode, Anna Perkins, Shannon Webber (Zoom), Jess Wechsler

Board of Directors Absent: Sally Beaulieu, Erin Brown, Dianna Gram, Martha Harris

Others in Attendance: Danni Best, Dave Chase - Consultant, Beth Christopher, Evan Colman, Emanuel Pariser (Zoom), Joyce Ryan, Christine Sullivan

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Muir called the meeting to order at 4:43 pm

2. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda

None

3. Public Comment

None

4. Staff/Student Presentation

None

5. Consent Agenda (Action requested by approval of Consent Agenda)

a. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from 11/17/2022

b. Head of School Report

c. Committee Reports

i. Finance Committee Report

ii. Academic Affairs committee Report

iii. Human Resources Committee Report

Accept reports as submitted

Motion: Kim

Second: Jessee

Discussion: *To accept with the addition of Anna Perkins from absent to present in Board Minutes of 10/20/22.*

Vote: *(by Roll Call) All present voted "yea" (10-0)*

6. Action Items

a. Discussion: Enrollment and Attendance

Matt Newberg provided the Board with a presentation on attendance and enrollment.

b. Review Progress toward SY23 Board Goals

i. Long term financial stability

ii. Board Trainings

Chair Muir updated board on mandatory training

iii. Review Strategic Plan and update

Chair Muir presented a review of the plan with the Board.

iv. Review and update finance policies

Bob Dodge, Chair of Finance Committee, has a plan that will put into place to review those policies.

c. Strategic Plan Refresh

i. Overview of our “masters”

Chair Muir reviewed the 20-23 strategic plan

Dave Chase Strategic Plan Consultant updated board on the development of the previous plan and how to proceed with the 23-27. Ok - for Board to work separately.

ii. Begin devising what our Key Priorities are

iii. What should the desired end-of-plan accomplishments be for each Key Priority?

How to move forward. The advice that Consultant gives to the Board, not enough time to do a full, and it is ok for Board to work separately. See consultant report for details.

Consultant recommends that Staff, Admin, Leadership provide information to Board and Board. Invite parents and students. Email Chair Muir. Suggestions, dates, attendees and a plan will be devised.

7. Information Sharing

Winter Project Showcase - Friday, February 17th

Evan Coleman provided information to the Board and times and date of the next Coffee House.

Matt gave details on some of the many intensive activities.

8. Other

None

9. Prep for next Meeting

Topic for Voluntary Board Training in March?

Board Meeting - Thurs., March 16, 2023

Tour, performance framework, read a book together

How to raise funds, (To be determined), who is responsible for what.

Deadline for sending Board Packet and posting Agenda (w Zoom link) - Thurs., March 9, Deadline for Mike sending all material to

Joyce for creating Board Packet - Tues March 7

Deadline for sending Committee Meeting Minutes/Notes to Mike

for inclusion in the Board Packet - Mon March 6

2. Adjourn 6:28 pm

Motion: Bob

Second: Kim

Respectfully submitted

Joyce Ryan