

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 17, 6:00 P.M.

MITCS Multipurpose Room

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Jerry Hodge, Board Chair.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
3. Roll call was taken. Board members present: Corradi, Croud, Golden, Hodge, Naccarato & Pennington. Absent: Brenda Militello.

Administration Attending: Dr. Chester Thompson, CEO; Kyle Daly, Director of Diversity and Recruitment; Terrence Smith, Principal and Head of School.

Also present: From SMGG: Kathryn Clark & Matt Morella; From JMA: Joel Martin; From the MITCS Organizing Committee: Chris Shovlin.
From the public: Tony Rosatone and David Zeiler, via Teams.

4. Motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes the Minutes from the July meeting, Today's agenda and all committee reports, was made by Corradi, seconded by Golden and approved unanimously.
5. Meeting jumped to Old Business – Item C -Review and approval of Gaming Policy
 - a. David Zeiler explained what is in the content and the types of strategies the students will learn in the gaming courses. Brief discussion followed about violence in games, and it was noted that all games, including Fortnite, are rated PG-12. Questions and answers followed with Zeiler about violence, violence rating, how that will look in the curriculum and so on.
 - b. Motion to approve the gaming curriculum as stands, was made by Hodge, seconded by Croud. Corradi, Croud, Hodge, Golden and Pennington voted for the motion. Naccarato voted against. Militello was absent. The motion carried.
6. ADMINISTRATION UPDATES:
 - a. CEO REPORT – Thompson
 - i. Bear.com Two Way Radio Quote: this is included in the safety plan, \$119 per unit, need 4 units. Total is \$476. Motion to approve the

purchase was made by Corradi, seconded by Pennington and approved unanimously.

- ii. Staff Development Trainings: set for August 22 to September 2. Certify Ed helped develop trainings and guest trainers will be included.

b. DIVERSITY AND RECRUITMENT REPORT - Daly

- i. Enrollment Update: As of 8/17 there were 105 enrolled with 20 more in the pipeline. Another enrollment session planned for Thur. 8/18. The Freshman class is the biggest. 35% of students need IEP accommodations. Right now, the concentration of those enrolled is skilled trades, then Gaming, then Forensics. Some discussion followed about how students can change majors, how classes overlap, etc.
- ii. Hub Spot Bussing Update: the 7 school districts that will offer bussing, have been contacted and are working with those families. Daly is working with other companies to bus those districts won't. Luckily, 60% of our students are coming from within those 7 busing districts.

c. PRINCIPAL & HEAD OF SCHOOL- Smith

- i. Another special ed teacher was secured today, as well as a guidance counselor. 2 faculty positions are 3 paraprofessional positions are still available.
- ii. A list of hires was provided and motion to approve hires as listed, was made by Naccarato, seconded by Corradi and approved unanimously.
- iii. First day for students is September 6th. Board members have offered to come in the am to help welcome students getting off the buses and being dropped off. There will also be a welcoming ceremony planned.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Executive Committee –Hodge - No report.

b. Finance & Facilities Committee – Pennington

- i. Facilities – No report.
- ii. Financial Statements and accounts payable items were presented by Joel Martin. Motion to approve invoices was made by Pennington, seconded by Corradi and approved unanimously.
- iii. Joel noted that the next month or 2 will be difficult, budget wise, as we adjust our cash flow and financing as we open and start receiving funds from the school districts. Accounting and HR are all set up and ready to go.

- iv. In Oct/ Nov we will look at the budget again and revise if needed but original budget should hold. Shovlin noted we will need to revise based on grant monies we receive in year two.
 - v. Joel brought up the EITC tax credit, which allows for companies to give donations, and get tax credit for it. We will look to set this up.
 - vi. Joel noted we do not need a year end audit for June 2022. But we will need in years following.
 - vii. Joel also said that we don't have to do a budget inspection, however budget should be available if anyone asks to see it, but we don't have to advertise it.
 - c. Academic Assessment & Curriculum – (chair name needed)
 - d. Personnel Committee Report – Corradi
 - i. Smith provided all hiring updates in his report.
 - e. Public Relations & Media Committee Report – Golden -No report.
 - f. Organizing Committee Report – *Elder & Shovlin*
 - i. On the 18th at 2 pm will be the final walk through of the building and the punch list will be reviewed. Then we can get our full occupancy permit. Pennington will attend that meeting.
 - ii. Shell will vacate their parking lot on the 31st and 12th street will be paved!
 - iii. The environmental study has been done and approved.
 - iv. The landscaping will be done in early September and the money is already earmarked from the building budget.
 - v. Based on Shovlins recommendation, a motion to make the name the “Richard E. Corradi Skilled Trades Lab” was made by Golden and seconded by Pennington. Corradi recused herself of the vote and the rest of the board voted unanimously to approve.
 - g. Legal Report -Clark and Morella – discussed items that will be covered in Old and New Business.
 - h. Ad Hoc Committees: (to meet as needed)
8. There was no executive session.
9. OLD BUSINESS
- a. MOU to Midland Police Department was reviewed, and the Board Chair and Secretary will sign the agreement. Motion to approve the MOU was made by Corradi, seconded by Pennington and approved unanimously.
 - b. LPPACC MOU for shared services was tabled and will be put into old business in September. Motion to table was made by Pennington, seconded by Corradi and approved unanimously.

- c. The review of the Gaming Policy was covered earlier in meeting.
- d. Wellness Policy was discussed. Motion to approve the policy, as written by the attorneys, was made by Golden, seconded by Corradi and approved unanimously.
- e. Federal Procurement Policy, which deals with Title I funding, was discussed. Motion to approve the policy, as written by the attorneys, was made by Hodge, seconded by Croud and approved unanimously.
- f. Motion to approve the Gaming Policy update was made by Corradi, seconded by Hodge and approved unanimously.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ratification of purchases since last meeting: Scrubber. Motion to approve purchase was made by Naccarato, seconded by Croud and approved unanimously.
- b. New policies for review and approval:
 - i. Motion to approve the Child Abuse Detection Policy was made by Golden, seconded by Naccarato and approved unanimously.
 - ii. Motion to approve the Internet Safety Policy, Homeless Policy and Volunteer Policy was made by Corradi, seconded by Croud and approved unanimously.
 - iii. Motion to approve the Title I Parent/ Student/ School Compact was made by Corradi, seconded by Pennington and approved unanimously.
 - iv. Motion to approve the Suicide Prevention & Response Policy, which is a PDE Statewide requirement, was made by Corradi, seconded by Croud and approved unanimously.
- c. The state requires there to be one Special Education teacher per 25 students. We have 36 students with IEP's. Motion to approve the ratification of the hiring of a second Special Education Teacher was made by Golden, seconded by Corradi and approved unanimously.
- d. MOU to PA Cyber Charter School for Safe Space for Emergency was discussed. Clark had previously sent out the MOU to Board via email. Motion to approve the MOU was made by Naccarato, seconded by Croud, and approved unanimously.
- e. Motion to approve the Safe School agreement, made with the Midland Police Department, and Act 44 required, was made by Corradi, seconded by Pennington and approved unanimously.
- f. Discussion about the Midland Borough Agreement to provide Breakfast and Lunch services. Motion to approve the ratification of this agreement was made by Corradi, seconded by Hodge and approved unanimously.

10. There was no public comment.

11. Good of the order: Happy Birthday to Jerry Hodge on September 11th and Brenda Militello on September 18th.

12. Next meetings: September 21st, October 19th, November 16th, December 14th will be held at the school. For each meeting Executive Session at 5:30 pm and Public Meeting at 6:00 pm.

13. Motion to adjourn was made by Pennington, seconded by Corradi and approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Submitted by Brittney Golden on 9/6/22.