

Morris Jeff Community School (MJCS)
Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 5:30 pm
211 South Lopez St.
Library (2nd floor)

Members Present: Blaine LeCesne, Lisa Amoss, Maria Newman Carerre, Elaine Reyes, Keyana Scales, Missy Sparks, Bill Payne

Members Absent: Shannon Williamson, Jolene Jeff, Dwight Barns, Leslie Lawrence, Richard Perque

Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm.

I. Review and consideration for approval of Board meeting minutes

Maria Carerre motioned to approve the minutes for November 2019 meeting as presented. William Payne seconded. No comments or discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Morris Jeff Principal's Update

Mrs. Perkins discussed the following items:

- Lease renewal on the Clark building
- Request of Board members to meet with the Superintendent Supt. Lewis and OPSB members to seek support for a permanent facility for the high school
- SWIFT school contract
- Teacher retention rate of 95%
- Common School Calendar

Keyana Scales inquired of the plans to improve scores.

III. Morris Jeff Family Partnership Update

Using the Sign Up Genius tool, 366 hours of parents time has been donated to the school. These hours exclude time spent for field trips, which are estimated to be nearly 370 hours as well.

The school fair, Feria, will be held on April 4, 2020 from 11am to 3pm and represents the 10th year of the fair. The goal is both fundraising and community building. Regarding community building, MJFP is seeking not for profit organizations to hosts booths or tables at the fair and provide one type of student activity. Examples include the New Orleans library. Ideas can be sent to feria@morrisjeff.com. The fundraising efforts will be used to build a new playground for the

younger scholars. As in the past, wristbands for children to enjoy the rides are \$10.00. Anyone wishing to purchase wristbands to be donated to students may contact Mrs. Patricia.

IV. Finance Committee Update and Approval of Statements

The Finance Committee reviewed the financials as of and for the fiscal period through December 31, 2019. Discussions were held regarding variances from actual results to budgeted amounts.

Lisa Amoss made a motion to approve the December 31 financial statements. Such motion was seconded by Maria Carrere. With no comments from the public, the financial statements were unanimously approved.

V. FUNdraising

The date for the gala is in progress.

VI. Governance Committee Report

The Governance Committee plans to meet in the near term to discuss bylaws. Blaine LeCesne informed the attendees of the Change in Membership of Board Form and will distribute information on the document as well as the monthly trainings offered by OPSB for new board members.

VII. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement

Mrs. Patricia reiterated the collaborative nature of the process to arrive at the draft agreement. Keyana Scales made a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Such motion was seconded by Maria Carrere. With no comments from the public, the financial statements were unanimously approved.

VIII. Adjourn

Maria Carerre moved to adjourn. Lisa Amoss seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.