

Morris Jeff Community School (MJCS)
Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, February 8, 2021 5:30 pm
Via Zoom

*NOTE: Pursuant to emergency proclamation 30 JCE 20202, the Morris Jeff Community School Board certifies that it must conduct the January 11, 2021 meeting via Google Meet or the Board will otherwise be unable to operate due to quorum requirements. Board meetings shall be held in this manner during the pendency of this emergency.

Members Present: Shannon Williamson, Keyana Scales, Lisa Amoss, Elaine Reyes, Blaine LeCesne, Missy Sparks, Maria Newman Carerre (5:37)

Members Absent: Bill Payne, Leslie Lawrence, Dwight Barnes

School staff/Members of the public: Patricia Perkins, Jared Frank, Kristi Jacobs-Stanle (MJFP), Nolan Ross, Adele Namboodri

Meeting was called to order at 5:33pm

I. Review and consideration for approval of Board meeting minutes

Lisa moved to accept January meeting minutes with corrections. Elaine seconded the motion. No public comment. Minutes are approved.

II. Morris Jeff Principal's Update

Mitch Landrieu has been secured as the commencement speaker and they are making plans for an outdoor graduation at City Park. Shannon noted that she was excited to hear more about the EdFuel partnership in Patricia's written report and commended Patricia on the robust Mardi Gras and Black History Month Programming in spite of the limitations of being virtual.

Blaine asked about finding a provider for vaccinations. Patricia indicated that they are still seeking a partner. She mentioned that while all the ambulatory care personnel have either been vaccinated or are scheduled, she is hoping to find a source who will be able to vaccinate all teachers and staff who will qualify in tier 2. Nola Public Schools has some plans to arrange for vaccines for teachers but she is seeking some additional plans to expedite the process if NOLAPS and Children's hospital resources take too long. Blaine suggested that

they consider pursuing a partnership with a local university. Keyana noted that university faculty and staff are now able to get the vaccine in tier 1b. She indicated she would ask about seeing if there were opportunities for partnership through Xavier. Shannon also indicated that she would inquire about the UNO plan. Missy indicated that she can provide folks to put the vaccine in arms, but doesn't have access to the doses themselves. As soon as Oschner can administer to tier II they will begin doing so.

III. MJFP Report

MJFP refilled the water at the high school and are working on a say yes to the dress event for prom, and elementary room parents are working on Valentine's pictures and incorporating virtual students into that as well. The high school is having a reverse drive-by Mardi Gras parade for high schoolers.

IV. Finance Committee Update and Approval of 2020-2021 Budget

The finance committee met at 5pm to review the November and December financials. We got some grant reimbursement in December. There is an increase in salary in December due to the payout of stipends (any teacher who does extra work leaving a club or team) and the state approved raise outside the MFP and it is distributed twice a year in December and May. This accounts for the increase in Salary in December. There were no other major items of note that were new in December. Year to date we are still at a net income position of what we budgeted and in a good position. The new CAA legislation is earmarked to public schools and we received a small part of that last year through a Start Strong Program but we find that there will be about 1.5M extra funds over the next 4 years. The main use of the funds will be to target lost learning. We are in the stages of planning a robust summer school program and after school program next year.

Keyana motioned to approve the financial statements as presented. Lisa seconded. No public comment. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. FUNdraising

Julie shared that for Black History Month they are presenting a social media campaign. Board members are invited to share with Crystal a Black history person/event with a bit of information about why this person is important to you and why you are working with Morris Jeff. Julie also mentioned that we have a new school store and currently there is a 25% off code if you spend at least \$80 through the end of the month. They wanted to

expand the school store offerings and streamline the ordering. Give Nola Day we will discuss more in February.

X. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.