



MORRIS JEFF COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Morris Jeff Community School (MJCS) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 22, 2024

Members Present: Dwight Barnes, Blaine Lecesne, Missy Sparks, Maria Newman, Patrick Thompson

Members Absent: Janina Jeff, Elaine Reyes

School Staff/Members of the Public: Patricia Perkins, Jared Frank, Nina Leuzzi (MJ Union President), Julie Thibodaux, Ryan Ruyle

Meeting called to order at 5:38 pm.

I. Board Meeting Minutes

M. Sparks motioned to approve the December 2023 meeting minutes. No public comment. M. Newman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

II. Finance Committee

- The Finance Report was presented by J. Frank
 - Items flagged for note:
 - Increased spend in Center for Resilience given increase in student need so contracted SPED SRVCs shows that increase
 - Transportation - August expenses posted in October (lagging) and will be reconciled through a JE
 - Total Student Activities materially increased due to investment in band uniforms and weight room for high school athletics
 - J. Frank shared there was 1 finding by the LA Leg Auditor, due to an instance of funds applied as a receivable instead of a revenue, plan on a go-forward is a monthly review of accounts receivable



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- M. Newman motioned to approve the Finance Report. No public comment. P. Thompson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- P. Perkins presented the Head of School update. Notes, our school bands will be marching in a number of carnival parades across the season.
- MJ Family Partnership update was shared by P. Perkins. MJFP is offering on March 20, 5:30–7:30pm, an information night, “Risky Business,” to raise awareness of the potential harms of cellular devices and the Internet by school-aged children and how the school is making safety a priority. Dinner and babysitting will be provided.
- J. Thibodaux provided a development update.
 - The Feria netted just over 16K.
 - Individual fundraising is targeting 200K (inclusive of Feria).
 - Feb 6, 2024 is elementary school “Market Day,” following Morning Meeting. Board is invited to “shop” and support early entrepreneurship with our students.
 - Parking will be offered the day of Endymion at the elementary school for \$30/vehicle and access to the bathroom for \$5/pp.
 - There will be no MJCS Gala in 2024 as a bigger celebration is planned for 2025 in conjunction with the school’s anniversary – either a Sweet 16 in Fall 2025 or a 15 year anniversary in Spring 2025.
 - I. Bell will be leading a Booster Boil (crawfish) on May 10, 2024 at Secondline Brewery.

VI. Adjourn

M. Newman moved to adjourn the meeting, M. Sparks seconded, no public comment, motion voted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 pm.