

# Board of Directors Meeting March 29th, 2022

The work session of the Board of Directors of the Molalla River Academy, an Oregon nonprofit corporation, was held as an online Zoom meeting on March 29th, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

The public was notified of this meeting with 24 hours notice.

Called to order at pm

In attendance: Emily Frack, Robert Seubert, Mindy Zasky , Brandon Senn, Brad Kuhn

## Directors Attending:

Mindy Zasky - President - June 2022

Robert Seubert - Treasurer - April 2023

Brad Kuhn - Board Member - September 2023

Brandon Senn - Board Member - September 2023

Emily Frack - Board Secretary - December 2022

Directors Absent:

None

Directors Tardy:

None

Directors left early:

None

Executive Director Attending:

Melanie Marrone

Iva Quinlan

A sufficient number of directors were present to constitute a quorum.

The meeting was chaired by Mindy Zasky

The minutes were taken by Emily Frack

- I. Call to Order of Regular Meeting at 6:32pm
- II. Attendance
- III. Consent Agenda
  - A. Approve February 22, 2022 General Session Minutes

1. Brandon makes a motion to approve. Rob seconds. All in favor
  - B. Approve March 3, 2022 Work Session Minutes
    1. Brandon makes a motion to approve. Brad seconds. All in favor.
- IV. Director Report
- A. General Updates
  - B. Open Houses and Estimated Enrollment 22-23
  - C. March 12th Work Party
    1. Went very well. Parking lot was full.
    2. Trail building class met with Molalla River Watch.
    3. Come check out the trail!
  - D. Greenhouse update
    1. Gravel pad has been installed
  - E. Student Led Conferences April 13-14
    1. More information will be sent this week
  - F. State Assessment Testing April 11-29
    1. Not testing all the days. Have make-up days also.
  - G. April will also have Earth day and poetry slam - more events coming back!
  - H. Outdoor school was canceled due to lack of staffing, but now we have an opportunity to a 4 day overnight outdoor school at a Boy Scout Camp - that organization can host and it can be paid for with the grant funds.
    1. Board approval is required for an overnight field trip.
      - a) Rob makes a motion to approve the overnight field trip. Emily seconds. All in favor.
      - b) Brad has a question about logistical items on the field trip.
- V. General Business
- A. Financial Report
    1. Rob and Melanie discuss financials and meetings to go over the QuickBooks and how the accounting works.
    2. Transfer of funds from old Boosters to PCT
    3. Funds have been transferred to PCT and not boosters
    4. PCT elected to have some of the funds go to new playground equipment
  - B. Model for Next Year
    1. Blended Classrooms
      - a) Discusses blends MRA used to have before COVID-19
      - b) Discusses blend challenges with curriculum and CORE content
    2. Middle School Model
      - a) Discusses challenges with blended learning with the older children
      - b) Discussion of separating out middle school kids - age 6, 7, and 8th grades into their own section in order to allow more time for electives.
      - c) This would open up opportunities for the staff to open up more classes, such as, drama, guitar, art, science, etc. and give elective time every day.
      - d) Back modular buildings would then be the "middle school" and

would run differently than the younger grades.

- e) Discussion around Melanie's presentation of new "middle school" model
- f) Iva discusses gaps between 5th and 6th grade standards.
- g) Brandon discusses the 5th graders not having a "blend" component. Melanie discusses the need to get the 5th graders ready for middle school. We need to ensure we are meeting the rigor of the middle school pace in education.
- h) Discussion of having a foreign language elective offered. Could we have a teacher exclusively online for this?
- i) Board discusses how to present this model to parents
  - (1) Possibly a survey
  - (2) Melanie suggested doing a forum for parents and a presentation on the model.

VI. Board Chair and Vice Chair Positions

- A. Board discusses how we are going to fill the positions for the board
- B. Mindy discusses President duties and responsibilities - how many hours needed.
- C. Brad and Brandon discuss who will take what position
- D. Emily makes a motion to approve Brad as president. Rob seconds. All in favor. Brad is now the President to the board.
- E. Rob makes a motion to approve Brandon as Vice President. Mindy seconds. All in favor. Brandon is now the Vice President.

VII. General Board Discussion

- A. Gratitude for Mindy as board president! Thank you Mindy!
- B. Emily asks if there is any change to volunteer vaccination status? Melanie says this is a federal rule and is not expected to change this year.

VIII. Public Comment

- A. Public comment from Angela Poff

IX. Adjournment from Public Meeting

- A. Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm

X. Next meetings are scheduled for:

- A. April 5th is the MRA lottery
- B. April 26th at 6:30pm - regular meeting

**Read and approved by the Board of Directors on \_\_\_\_\_ 2022,**  
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Secretary, Emily Frack.