



The Schools of McKeel Academy

*McKeel Academy of Technology
McKeel Elementary Academy (dba McKeel Academy Central)
South McKeel Academy*

Board of Trustees Meeting

MINUTES

December 10, 2013

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was held Tuesday, December 10, 2013, at The Schools of McKeel Academy Business Office. The meeting was called to order by Chair Taylor Caffey at 12:00 p.m. Trustees present included Taylor Caffey, Stephanie L. Campbell, Larry Ross, John Stargel, Mark Thompson, and Phillip Walker. Trustee Cathy Wooley-Brown attended via conference call. Trustees Seth McKeel and Michael Peebles were unable to attend. Staff present included Alan Black, Julie Ramirez, Judi Morris, Michele Spurgeon, Linda Acocelli, Susan Black, Mary White, Michelle Montero and Olivia Hazell. Teachers of the Year in attendance included Wendy Georgevich, Rebecca Stacey, and Samantha Wilbur. Mary Toothman from the Ledger was also present.

➤ **Approval of Minutes**

Taylor Caffey called for approval of the minutes from the November 19, 2013, Board of Trustees meeting. *Upon a motion by Mark Thompson, seconded by Phillip Walker, the minutes were approved as presented.*

Mr. Caffey entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2013, Special Executive Committee meeting. *Upon a motion made by Mark Thompson, seconded by Stephanie L. Campbell, the minutes were approved as presented.*

Mr. Caffey called for approval of the minutes from the December 2, 2013, Executive Committee meeting. *Upon a motion made by Phillip Walker, seconded by Stephanie L. Campbell, the minutes were approved as presented.*

Mr. Caffey called for approval of the minutes from the December 5, 2013, Finance Committee meeting. *Upon a motion by Mark Thompson, seconded by Phillip Walker, the minutes were approved as presented.*

➤ **Public Comment**

None of the members of the public addressed the Board at this time.

➤ **Consent Agenda**

Approval of New Staff-MAT Cassandra Miele was hired to fill Michelle Montero's position. *Upon a motion by Mark Thompson, seconded by Larry Ross, the motion to approve the hiring of Cassandra Miele carried unanimously.*

➤ **Old Business**

MEA Expansion Project

Mr. Thompson, Finance Committee chair, presented an update on the MEA expansion project. He explained that the Board needs to approve the change orders to the GMP contract. *Upon a motion made by Mark Thompson, seconded by Stephanie L. Campbell, the motion to approve the change orders to the GMP contract carried unanimously.*

Superintendent Search Committee Report

Mr. Caffey provided the timeline for the search process to the Board. Ms. Montero addressed the Board and requested that each school be allowed to select one teacher representative to serve on the Search Committee. The Committee will consider Ms. Montero's suggestion at its next meeting which will take place on Thursday, December 12, 2013, at 8:00 am in the Business Office.

➤ **Other**

Bylaws Updates and Board Policies

Mr. Black reported that TSMA has hired attorney Kathleen Schoenberg to assist in updating the Bylaws and other Board policies.

PCSB Lawsuit

Mr. Black explained that he attended the Charter School Director's meeting, and the lawsuit will be settled in the near future. PCSB has agreed to distribute the Title II professional development funds to Charter Schools. Title I funds are still being negotiated. When an agreement has been reached, there will be a Memo of Understanding between the Charter Schools and PCSB.

3 to 1 Contract

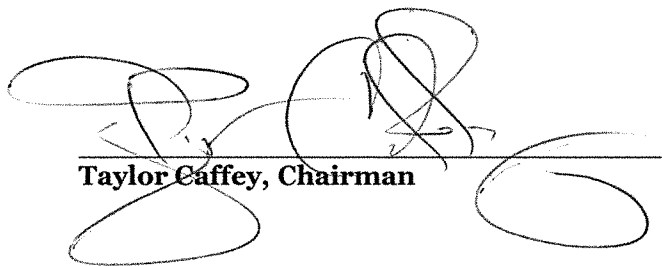
Mr. Black explained that he has been meeting with the Charter School Director, Brian Warren, to negotiate the 3 to 1 contract. Upon completion of the negotiations, the contract will be sent to the PCSB Attorney and the TSMA Attorney to be finalized.

➤ **School Reports**

Principals submitted their school reports which will become a permanent part of the record of this meeting.

➤ **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.


Taylor Caffey, Chairman

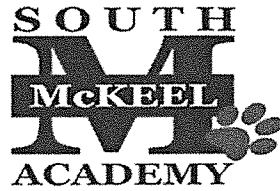
ATTEST:


Olivia Hazell, Secretary



**McKeel Academy Central
(formerly McKeel Elementary Academy)
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- **Community Service Projects:** food collection (month of November for Lighthouse Ministries), toy collection (first two weeks in December for Salvation Army), caroling to nursing homes and preschool at First United Methodist Church
- **Recipient of Target Field Trip Grant.** Not sure of the amount and details at this time but will update the board in January.
- **Our Christmas Concert is scheduled for Monday, December 16th at 6:30 at Victory Church**



South McKeel Academy
Board Report
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- *The Ledger* Editorial Contest results were announced last week. South McKeel Academy is very excited to have 4 Honorable Mentions in both the elementary and middle school divisions.
 - Elementary include: 4th graders Elli Baker, Kaia Benson and Brody Palmer; and 5th grader Reece Parker.
 - Middle School include: 6th grader Heidi Randall, and 7th graders Brianna Jones, Noah Kurrack and Sierra Youngblood.
- 6th grader Bryce Harrell has qualified for the County Spelling Bee to be held in March by being one of the top spellers in a written spelling contest at the district level.
- 1st grade and 3rd grade classes attended a drama performance of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs presented by the MAT Drama Club. The students loved being at the big schools and seeing a live performance by Big McKeel Students.
- 3rd grade classes were involved in an activity with MAT art teacher Anni Christie's students who achieved "rock star" status by working with our students.
- The 4th-7th grade choruses under the direction of Jency Meche and Kathy Hulin performed in downtown Lakeland on Friday night as part of First Friday.
- Veronica Prevost, Sydney Osmon, Bo Bailey, and Isabelle Morris auditioned and were selected for the Southern Division Children's Honor Choir which will perform in Jacksonville in March during a conference of the American Choral Directors Association. Kathy Hulin, South McKeel Academy music teacher, also auditioned and was selected.

MAT School Report
December 10, 2013

- 47- 9th grade students, along with 7 chaperones, flew into NYC this morning. It was snowing when they flew in --- expecting 4-6". They have quite an itinerary going to Smithsonian, 911 Memorial, Statue of Liberty, Top of the Rock, Skating in Central Park, and seeing Wicked on Broadway.
- We invited 1st grade students from SMA to come to the big school for an encore performance of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs as Performed by Professor TJ Barker's Troupe of Theatricals. Mr. Wasemann is the Drama Club sponsor and arranged this with Mrs. Benson. He received the following email from Mrs. Benson:

Ken,

I wanted to personally thank you for thinking of our little wildcats when you extended an invitation to us! Our students were so excited to go to the big school, and they absolutely loved the performance.

Hats off to your group of thespians for a job well done!

- Last week we had our Photography students, partner with 3rd grade students from SMA. I received the following email:

Dr. Acocelli,

I am just taking a moment to say what a joy it was working these past two days with Anni Christie on our joint project with her budding photographers, and our third graders at SMA. She was very professional and organized; Mrs. Christie's students were appropriate, polite, and very patient and interactive with the third graders!

All of the teachers have commented to me how delightful our experience was! The para at our school, Mrs. Robillard (who is the owner and creator of the garden where we took most of the photos) was truly gushing with pride and joy to help with the project and witness how her garden came to life!!

Thank you for allowing Mrs. Christie and the photography students to spend time with us! It made our week!!

Sincerely, Laurie Legg, 3rd grade, SMA

- Homecoming festivities last week- Spirit week, Pep Rally and Homecoming game Friday, and Homecoming Dance on Saturday. The theme was Great Gatsby. Kaci Gingras did a great job organizing and decorating for this event.
- Michelle Luna won honorable mention recognition for The Ledger's Editorial Contest. The topic she wrote about was texting and driving.
- Coach Krause is happy to report that Fabi Rosado made 1st team all county for volleyball.
- Chuck Smith reported that Girls soccer is currently 5-0 in district games. Boys soccer- (2-3); Boys basketball- (3-1); and Girls basketball- (3-1).
- MIT will have a representative on our campus this Thursday interviewing Jesal Patel. This person will also be interviewing teachers concerning his academic program at MAT.
- Next Wednesday all high school students will go Ice Skating at the Lakeland Center and next Thursday, all middle school students will go roller skating
- Couple of events coming up:
 - Our annual Winter Chorus Concert is Monday, December 16th, at Trinity Life Church of God at 7:00 p.m.
 - Our annual Winter Band Concert is Tuesday, December 17th, at 7:00 at MAT in the auditorium.
 - If you happen to be in the neighborhood, please stop in for our annual Christmas staff luncheon anytime between the hours of 10:30-12:00 on Tuesday, December 17th.