



The Schools of McKeel Academy

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

Board of Trustees Meeting

MINUTES

August 26, 2014

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, August 26, 2014, at The Schools of McKeel Academy Business Office. The meeting was called to order by Chair Seth McKeel at 12:03 p.m. and declared a quorum with 4 of 7 members present. Trustees present included Taylor Caffey, Seth McKeel, Michael Peeples, and Larry Ross. Trustees Stephanie L. Campbell, John Stargel, and Phillip Walker were unable to attend. Staff present included Alan Black, Julie Ehnle, Judi Morris, Kim Benson, Joyce Powell, Michele Spurgeon, and Olivia Hazell. Teachers of the Year present were: Cassandra Castro, Adam Flick, and Suzanne Williams. Also present was Ben Fairchild, parent of a student at MAC.

➤ **Public Comment**

There was no one from the public wishing to address the Board.

➤ **Consent Agenda**

- Minutes from 7/26/14 Annual Board of Trustees
- Approval of New Hires MAC
- Approval of New Hires MAT
- Approval of New Hires SMA
- Approval of Out-of-Field Teacher MAT

Motion: Moved by Taylor Caffey, seconded by Larry Ross, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

➤ **Old Business**

• **Conflict of Interest Disclosures**

The Board has reviewed the Conflict of Interest Disclosures and will vote to acknowledge and approve of the disclosures that have been made.

Motion: Moved by Taylor Caffey, seconded by Michael Peeples, to acknowledge and approve of the Conflict of Interest Disclosures as presented.

Motion Carried

➤ **New Business**

• **2013-2014 Final Budget Amendments**

Ms. Ehnle presented the 2013-2014 final budget amendments. The Board will vote to approve the final budget amendments for each of the schools.

MAC Final Budget Amendment

Motion: Moved by Larry Ross, seconded by Michael Peeples, to approve the 2013-2014 final budget amendments for MAC as presented.

Motion Carried

SMA Final Budget Amendment

Motion: Moved by Larry Ross, seconded by Michael Peeples, to approve the 2013-2014 final budget amendments for SMA as presented.

Motion Carried

MAT Final Budget Amendment

Motion: Moved by Larry Ross, seconded by Taylor Caffey, to approve the 2013-2014 final budget amendments for MAT as presented.

Motion Carried

The Audit Committee will meet at 11:00 am on 9/16/14, prior to the Board meeting to review the auditor's report.

• **Board Approval of Resignation**

Dr. Cathy Wooley-Brown has resigned from the TSMA Board of Trustees as of 8/22/2014.

Motion: Moved by Michael Peeples, seconded by Taylor Caffey, to accept Dr. Cathy Wooley-Brown's resignation from the TSMA Board of Trustees.

Motion Carried

➤ **Other**

• **Grants**

Mrs. Morris discussed the IBIS and BLUEPRINT Grants. The IBIS and BLUEPRINT team will host workshops during September and October sharing TSMA best practices with schools all over the state of Florida.

• **Board Retreat**

The Board will schedule a Board Retreat for January or February to develop the strategic plan for TSMA and hold training for any new Board members. Mrs. Hazell will research locations that are available and will e-mail Board members regarding their availability.

• **PreK Location**

Mr. Black met with Frank McCaulley from Trinity Presbyterian to discuss the possibility of renting space from the church in order to open the downtown PreK program. He is also researching the purchase of land around the business office as another option for the PreK program. Mr. Black will continue to update the Board on the PreK program plans as he finds out more information.

• **Summer Conference**

Mr. Black reported that overall the summer conference for teachers was a success and he has heard a lot of positive feedback. He would like to plan the summer conference for every other school year and then take teachers to FETC on the years there is not a summer conference.

➤ **School Reports**

Principals gave their school reports which will become a permanent part of the record.

➤ **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

ATTEST:


Seth McKeel, Chairman


Olivia Hazell, Secretary



McKeel Academy Central
(formerly McKeel Elementary Academy)
School Report, Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, August 26, 2014

- Great start to a new school year! Worked through new procedures and we're on cruise control at this point.
- Grade level parent information nights have begun. Nice turn out so far. Chartwells, food service provider, is providing parents complimentary food samples. Parents are enjoying the food so hopefully the number of meals served will increase this year.
- PTO provided lunch for the staff this past Friday. The theme was a Grand Opening theme with the flags and banners. We had a variety of soups, salads, and sandwiches from The Purple Onion.
- Kindergarten and 1st grade students were able to play on our new playground this past Friday for the first time. The kids had a blast!

MAT School Report
August 26, 2014

MAT's school year is off to a great start. All 1169 students in grades 7 - 12 have iPads in their hands all day long! Grades 8-12 manage their own and take them home while 7th graders iPads are managed by the school and remain at school. All 7th graders are enrolled in a year long Digital Citizenship class. We have a new school website, created by our home grown programmer Brandon Davie. Parents will be able to access their child's grades and teachers will be able to easily email parents and we will be able to send out information via email rather than sending paper copies. The best feature is our students will no longer write checks, they will be fined electronically by their teacher who can use a simple drop down menu. Once the teacher hits submit the parent and the student receive an email confirmation of the fine.

We have 16 AP courses available for students in grades 10 – 12. This is an increase of 4 new courses this year and 5 dual enrollment classes, an increase of 2 new courses this year. This includes two of our own teachers who are teaching PSC dual enrollment courses this year. We were able to hire 2 new RN/teachers which allowed us to expand our Medical Academy to students in grades 8 - 12. Even though school has just opened we are looking at expanding our Career Academy's next year to include Legal Studies along with an Engineering and Robotic Academy.

We have Parent Information Night Monday through Thursday of this week. Parents are invited to come and learn how to view their child's grades online, learn about graduation requirements, how to view assignments on Canvas. Our varsity and junior varsity girls volleyball teams season has started, our clubs are beginning to meet and tryouts for the Wizard of Oz start soon, and casting will include students from all 3 schools.

SMA School Report – August 26, 2014

- Team Leaders from grades K-7 met for a morning planning session on Tuesday, August 5th.
- On Wednesday, August 6th, an optional full day Math Training with Libby Pollett of BBY Publications was offered on campus to our K-5 teachers covering Place Value. We had 30 teachers in attendance.
- Teachers officially returned to work on Monday, August 11th and were treated to an amazing Welcome Back breakfast by our PTO - complete with fruit and yogurt parfaits, made to order omelets, and a variety of homemade recipes made by moms and administrators. It was amazing!
- Orientation for Grades K-7 went off without a hitch on Tuesday, August 12th. We welcomed 1164 students and their families to SMA for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Orientation for Pre-K took place on Wednesday, August 13th for our 60 new Pre-K students.
- Chartwells provided a free lunch to our staff on Wednesday, August 13th. Pizza, burgers, baked chicken with rice, and salad bar were the menu items.
- Thursday, August 14th was the first day for our students in grades K-7. It was a wonderful day!
- On Friday, August 22nd, we celebrated our first full week of school with a staff Ice Cream party! We made it!
- Parent Nights are scheduled for Aug. 25th (5th and 1st), August 26th (4th and 7th), August 28th (6th and K), and Sept. 4 (2nd and 3rd).
- Our annual Back to School Bash at the Ballpark is scheduled for Friday, August 29th! Looking forward to a great family evening!