



PERFORMANCE SCHOOL
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Date: November 17, 2014
6:00p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER 6:03pm

- A. RENEW Pledge of Allegiance to Flag
- B. Reading of JMCA Mission Statement

James Madison Charter Academy's mission is to provide students with opportunities to develop the lifelong learning skills needed to inspire and direct their lives in a multicultural world.

- C. ROLL CALL - Mrs. Nan Gracin, Mr. Mike Compton, Mrs. Jennifer Hartzell, Mrs. Charla Nunez, Mrs. Andrea Peters. Additional attendees: Dr. Anne Shearer-Shineman, Principal, Mrs. Janice Olmstead, JMCA Teacher.
- D. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD -None

Any resident, parent or employee of JMCA is welcome to address the Board of Directors at this time on items PERTAINING TO EDUCATION AND/OR THE OPERATION OF JMCA. Any person wishing to address the Board is requested to stand, sign in and state their name. Questions relating to employees of JMCA WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. Such questions should be referred to the Principal. It is requested that comments be limited to five (5) minutes.

II. RECURRENT

- A. Approval of Minutes:
 - Motion made by Mrs. Hartzell to accept and approve minutes for meeting on October 27, 2014 (pending any revisions or changes). Seconded by Mr. Compton. Approved by unanimous vote.
- B. Upcoming JMCA Activities:
 - Nov. 18 – PTO 6:00
 - Nov. 20 – Dinner Theater 6:00
 - Nov. 24 – 28 - NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
 - Dec. 1 – School resumes
 - Dec. 8 – Set up Santa's Workshop
 - Dec. 9 – Students preview Workshop
 - Dec. 10 – Pictures with Santa and Workshop hours
 - Dec. 11 – Workshop open
 - Dec. 13 – Workshop open 1 hr/movie & lunch for children 10 – 2 pm
 - Dec. 15 – Board meeting 6:00
 - Dec. 16 – Winter program (instrumental & vocal) 6:00
 - Dec. 17 – Bell choir assembly 8:15
 - Dec. 19 – 2nd quarter ends
 - Dec. 19 – Staff party
 - Dec. 22 – Jan. 5 Winter break
 - Jan. 6 – Students return
- C. Principal's Report:
 - 1. We are looking at two assemblies for December, one is "Native Pride Dancer" which would be December 9 or 11. We have asked the PTO to sponsor this one as it would be our cultural assembly. The other is a science assembly using lasers which would be the first week in December. These are

available at reduced cost because they are being put on at schools in Colorado and additional schools receive a reduced price. We usually get invited because we have used the management company several times in the past.

2. Educator Effectiveness and Charter Schools workshop. CDE and the League of Charter Schools put this on and provided a wealth of information about the new legislation regarding teacher and principal evaluation. We have the option to “opt out” of parts of the legislation, which we will do because we are so small it doesn’t make sense to do the whole thing.
3. READ Plans – A new component of the READ plans goes into effect over the coming year. It is school readiness testing of all kindergarteners. The testing is quite expensive but we are allowed to opt out of this requirement as well. The district folks said we should definitely opt out because of the time and expense involved. We will.

D. Committee Reports

1. PTO:

- Rescheduled November meeting to Nov. 18 6pm due to bad weather last week.
- Will sell candy-grams again in December and may sell goodies the night of the Winter program.
- Doing the dinner for the Dinner Theatre.

2. BAAC/Marketing:

- We are working on several marketing ideas – we purchased an ad in the Independent’s Education Guide that will be published this week. We are considering advertising on taxi cabs but that is more expensive. We will put an ad on public radio in January and also do a PSA for kindergarten round-up.
- We are developing a plan for selling advertising space on our east fence to raise funds. We had looked at that before but we are going to make it easy on us this time!
 - We are moving forward with our community concert in the spring. We would like to use Stargazers which we can rent for the evening and they will do the catering. We can tie it to the theme of “Save the Arts in Education” and include a silent auction. Possibly obtain art of different types donated by local artists.
- We are collecting donations for the ARC this week and will do it again after the first of the year.
- Looking into Home Depot, Target Red Card and Safeway: Have ways that parents can sign-up and have a portion of their purchase given to the school.
- Looking into having West Side Tattoo paint a sign with the school’s name for the roof of the school.

3. DAAC:

- Met at King Elementary and see the renovations.
- Widefield area elementary schools are not pushing towards the Common Core writing standards. A 15 minutes demonstration was given on how they do lessons of 15 minutes of student/teacher ratio and 45 minutes of self-guided per day for writing.
- Community Center have expanded basketball to 4 yr. olds – 8th grade. Basketball will start after Christmas.

4. Other: None

III. RECOMMENDED ACTION

A. ACT ON Expenditures/Budget:

- Motion by Mr. Compton for the Board to ratify expenditures of \$77,680.42 for the month of October 2014. Seconded by Mrs. Nunez. Approved by unanimous vote.

B. ACT ON Any Recent Issues not on this agenda: None

IV. NEXT MEETING: December 15, 2014 6pm

V. ADJOURNMENT: 6:57pm