



The MASTERS Program

Early College Charter High School

Governing Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.
Santa Fe, New Mexico

TMP Admin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

Meeting ID: 944 1297 3067

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DRAFT Minutes

I. Roll Call 5:07p.m.

Governing Council members attending:

Gary Clendenen, Rick Eppenstiner, Robert Gutierrez, Shalimar Krebs, Marcos Maez, Lupita Perez, Robert Sobel (*Faculty Representative*)

Governing Council members and staff not attending:

John Bishop (*Founder, Ex-officio non-voting*), Steve Ferree

Guests, Faculty, and Staff:

Lisa Lucas (*Business Manager*), Victoria Schweizer (*TMP Parent*), Reid Wessels (*Head of School*)

Recording Secretary: Carol Witter

II. Discuss and vote on this agenda

Marcos Maez moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Gary Clendenen, passed unanimously.

III. Discuss and vote on January 12, 2020 GC Meeting Minutes

Gary Clendenen moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Lupita Perez, passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comments (Up to 2 minutes per person)

Victoria Schweizer re-introduced herself as a parent of a TMP senior student and a board member for the Turquoise Trail charter school.

V. Report of the Finance Committee

a. review and recommend approval or disapproval of January 2021 disbursements

The committee met in prior work session to review January 2021 disbursements. Based on the committee's recommendation, Gary Clendenen moved to approve the disbursements as presented, second by Lupita Perez, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

b. review and recommend approval or disapproval of BARs

Based on the committee's recommendation and following discussion to clarify questions, Gary Clendenen moved to approve as presented BAR 519-000-2021-0016-M: \$970, net effect zero; second by Robert Gutierrez, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

c. review and recommend approval or disapproval of purchase orders over \$20,000

No POs

VI. Report on the eligibility for a return to in-person learning for secondary/high schools

Reid Wessels reported there has been significant confusion and misinterpretation regarding the governor's statement that "every school district in the state will be able to welcome all ages of students safely back to the classroom on February 8." This represents a drastic change for TMP and schools all across the state, although decisions on if or when to expand in-person learning options remain the purview of local boards and governing councils. Schools and districts must continue to abide by public health orders issued by tribal governments. TMP's Governing Council voted previously to continue in a remote learning environment through at least March 19, with quarterly assessments to follow. Reid presented details on requirements and criteria for readiness to re-open. We have to be mindful of how we communicate to parents and students, in light of the Governor's order. After in-depth discussion, the GC agreed to revisit in the March meeting whether to remain remote for the fourth quarter, through May 24.

Robert Sobel suggested that for the most part, what we have done to navigate within the remote environment has been successful, and the momentum and support systems would be disrupted if we changed course abruptly. Reid reported that most families are not comfortable coming back at this time and several are suffering pandemic-related hardships. Reid and faculty members are discussing how they might be able to facilitate small group cohorts to come in for staggered periods, especially those who are most struggling. The idea was widely supported and encouraged.

VII. Report of the Head of School

Reid Wessels reported that the equity councils were delayed due to the pandemic. TMP needs an advocate to act in an advisory capacity and to work with new personnel and training. Membership guidelines require fifteen members, to include representatives of parents and family members, school district or charter school leadership, school staff, students, community members, and members of Nations, Tribes or Pueblos. At least half of the members must represent 1) students with disabilities, 2) Native American students, 3) students who are English learners, and 4) economically disadvantaged students. The district coordinator does not count as one of the fifteen.

VIII. Report of the Faculty Representative

Robert Sobel's comments are included above in topic VI.

IX. Report of the Student Representative

Victoria Schweizer offered her thoughts from her son's perspective and from her view as a TMP parent. Students are persevering and making the best of a very difficult time. They do not think it is feasible to come back to on-campus learning in spring, but they would like to consider small cohort meetings in a carefully managed environment. Victoria raised the idea of inviting econ or government students to a future GC meeting to generate interest for being student representatives, possibly in the fall.

X. Report of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee did not meet.

XI. Report of the Business Manager

Lisa Lucas reported that we need an additional check signer for TMP accounts, bringing the total to four. The topic will be on the March agenda. The Public Education Department released an additional \$2700, which will require a BAR. Lisa reviewed the tentative FY21/22 budget schedule that begins in mid-March and runs through June. More information about the unit valuation for FY22 will be available after the current legislative session ends.

XII. Open discussion of additional topics or issues from GC members:

a. Discussion of the annual evaluation of the Head of School

Shalimar reminded everyone of the process to gather feedback from students/parents/staff & faculty/SFCC/GC members using Survey Monkey with bilingual questionnaires, sent through the school information system. Shalimar Krebs, Gary Clendenen, and Rick Eppenstiner will serve as committee members to update the areas to survey, in light of the unique situation caused by the pandemic and its related needs and issues. Reid will update Survey Monkey to a premium account and set up access.

b. Reid will invite administrative staff members Margaret, Karla, and Monica to join the March 9 GC meeting during the public comments section to recognize their above-and-beyond dedication to TMP students and parents during the pandemic.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Gary Clendenen, second by Marcos Maez, passed without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 6:48p.m.

2020/2021 Meeting Dates (2nd Tuesday)

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No meeting in July• 8/11• 9/8• 10/13• 11/10• 12/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1/12/2021• 2/9• 3/9• 4/13• 5/11• 6/8
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Minutes approved by The MASTERS Program Governance Council on March 9, 2021.

Governing Council President