

MAP ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

Board Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2018

The meeting of the Map Academy Charter School Board of Trustees convened at 4 PM on September 17, 2018, at Map Academy at 11 Resnik Road, Plymouth, MA and was held in compliance with the open meeting laws. A quorum of members was present. The members present were: Rachel Babcock, Josh Charpentier, Linda McCann and David Peck.

In Board Chair Ed Jacobs's absence, Josh Charpentier, Co Director, called the meeting to order at 4:13 PM. Josh Charpentier, Co Director, announced that sufficient members were present at the meeting, and that, accordingly, a quorum existed. Linda McCann, Clerk, kept minutes of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Rachel Babcock, Co-Director, directed attention to the August 20, 2018, minutes and Financial Report for August 2018 and asked for any discussion. With no further discussion, Josh Charpentier made a motion that was seconded by David Peck to approve August 20, 2018 minutes and August 2018 Financial Report by **UNANIMOUS** vote.

The *Substance Abuse and Misuse Policy* has been sent to DESE for approval.

CO-DIRECTORS REPORT:

SCHOOL OPENING:

- Map Academy opened its doors on August 30, 2018 to 130 off track students. Many of the enrolled students have been absent from a school for more than two years due to outside barriers, etc. The location of Map Academy in the Industrial Park and its location close to Colony Place have already been a huge asset.
- The Co-Directors have received tremendous feedback about Map Academy and its mission to serve at risk students.

TRANSPORTATION:

- Overall, transportation of Map Academy students, both via the GATRA route to Wareham and Carver and via Plymouth Public Schools buses, has gone smoothly. After a couple of bumpy days, most issues have been resolved, students are taking advantage and the ridership is good.
- Parking has not been an issue at 11 Resnik Road and dropoff and pickup are going smoothly.

OLD BUSINESS:

- At the August 2018 meeting a question was asked whether the Co-Directors were bonded. The Co-Directors confirmed with Bob Hollis of Hollis Insurance that they and the Board are adequately bonded.
- The ribbon cutting ceremony tentatively slated for September 26, 2018 has been postponed. Several dates were suggested in November or December 2018 for the ribbon cutting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- DESE members from the Nutrition Review visited Map Academy on September 5, 2018.
- Direct Certification was approved through Virtual Gateway.

- PACTV visited on September 12, 2018, to do a story about Map Academy.
- The Co-Directors are working to prepare to roll out NWEA Map testing in ELA and Mathematics a battery of tests that will provide a baseline assessment and measure students' progress three times during the school year.

COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

David Peck asked about inviting individuals who might be interested in serving on the Board of Trustees due to two resignations. It was decided that the Ribbon Cutting/Open House ceremony might be a good time to invite those interested in serving on a Map Academy Board and have an opportunity to speak with the Co-Directors. David also felt the filling of these positions should be a "standing agenda item."

It was suggested by Trustee members that Map Academy should host a Legislative Breakfast and invite legislators and other community stakeholders to learn about the mission of Map Academy.

Future meeting dates: October 15, 2018, November 26, 2018. All meetings begin at 4 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Linda McCann, Secretary/Clerk