



Meridian PCS Board Meeting  
(Via Zoom)  
June 16, 2020  
Approved Minutes

**Board Members in attendance**

Karen Rivas Edie  
Ashton  
Mahmia Richards  
Justin Dulguid  
Annie Hsiao  
Payson Peabody  
Steve Percy  
Keith Collins  
Ali Semir (after election to board)

**Meridian PCS**

Matt McCrea  
Ariel Weissburg  
Michael Russell  
Shelly Anderson

**TenSquare Team Members**

Alexandra Pardo  
Janalee Jordan-Meldrum  
Jeff Cooper

Board Chair, Edie Ashton called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

- I. Minutes from March and April meetings  
Mahima Richards moved to approve the minutes. Steve Percy seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- II. Board Transitions  
  
Edie Ashton announced that Nick Gent was leaving the board due to work obligations. Mahima Richards moved to elect Ali Semir to the Board. Steve Percy seconded the motion. He was elected unanimously.
- III. Leadership Update.  
  
All School: Matt McCrea provided updates on several matters:  
  
School Goals – Though many of the school’s goals for 2019-2020 relating to end of the year testing were made moot by the Covid-19 virus shutdown, the school met and exceeded many of its goals for the year.  
  
Reopening– Plans for reopening in the fall are underway and are dependent on city guidelines for health safeguards. Leadership team members are working with families and stakeholders to craft

plans based on health guidance and students', families, and staff members' needs and preferences. Plans for summer school will also depend on health guidance.

Elementary School – Ariel Weissburg provided updates on spring learning, including online community activities. Staff spent time reflection upon challenges of the year and planning for fall.



Middle School – Shelly Anderson provided updates and spring promotion (which was held virtually this year). Everything in the middle school is being packed for movement to the Kenyon campus.

Staffing – Retention of staff is quite high and recruitment for new positions next year due to winding down of Ten-Square contract and new Middle School facility is underway.

Enrollment – 565 students are currently enrolled for fall 2020, 87% of 650 goal. Enrollment is below June 2019 levels, though other schools are experiencing similar difficulties as families deal with current uncertainty. Efforts will be made through the summer to reach the school's budgeted enrollment target.

Strategic Planning - Experiential Learning Partnership is in process for next year. Application for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant has been submitted for before and after school activities and support as well as summer program.

Racial Equity - Meridian is committed to addressing racial equity issues, and this will form an integral part of Meridian's work throughout the 20-21 school year.

Ten-Square Contract Review and Renewal - Alexandra Pardo gave a presentation on the proposed scope of work. Meridian board members discussed the scope, the results of the current contract and the focus on the new proposed contract. Karen Rivas moved that the contract be renewed for the next four years. Mahima Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Accreditation - Janalee Jordan-Meldrum summarized the coming process with input from leadership, staff, families, and the board.

#### IV. Finance and Operations Updates

Contracts - Michael Russell presented a list of contracts for services over \$25,000. Payson Peabody moved that the contracts be approved. Annie Hsiao seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Cooper presented the 2020-2021 budget. After discussion, Steve Percy moved that the budget be adopted. Mahima Richards seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Board Secretary Payson Peabody adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.