



Meridian Public Charter School  
May 31, 2022 Board Meeting  
DRAFT MINUTES

**Board Members in attendance**

Mahima Richards  
Keith Collins  
Edie Ashton  
Annie Hsiao  
Justin Duiguid  
Steve Percy  
Karen Rivas

**Meridian Staff in attendance**

Michael Russell  
Matthew McCrea  
DuRay Stevens

**Ten Square Staff in attendance**

Jeff Cooper  
Alexandra Pardo

I. Call to Order

Edie Ashton welcomed attendees and requested a motion to call the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Steve Percy made a motion that the meeting come to order. Karen Rivas seconded the motion. Roll call: In favor: Edie Ashton, Keith Collins, Justin Duiguid, Steve Percy, Karen Rivas, Annie Hsiao. Opposed: None. The motion passed to call the meeting to order.

II. Approve Agenda

Edie Ashton requested a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda. Justin Duiguid made a motion that the Meeting Agenda be approved. Karen Rivas seconded the motion. Roll Call. In Favor: Edie Ashton, Ali Semir, Keith Collins, Justin Duiguid, Steve Percy, Karen Rivas, Annie Hsiao. Opposed: None. The motion passed to approve the Meeting Agenda.

III. Consent Agenda

Edie Ashton requested a motion to approve April 2022 Board Meeting Minutes. Steve Percy made a motion that the April 2022 Board Minutes be approved. Payson Peabody seconded the motion. Roll Call. In Favor: Edie Ashton, Steve Percy, Annie Hsiao, Justin Duiguid, Keith Collins, and Karen Rivas. Opposed: None. The motion passed to approve the April 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.

IV. Leadership Update

Elementary School  
Students participated in PARCC practice and spirit events as well as end of the year awards presentations.

### Middle School

Students participated in PARCC prep and spirit events, board game development projects, anti-racist education, with teachers attending June 15 talk by Ibram Kendi about his book, *How to be an Anti-Racist*.

75% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders will attend selective or Tier 1 High Schools next year.

### Covid

Omicron variant peaked in winter, spike returned in May.

Most students with Covid were asymptomatic. All students will be tested post Memorial Day.

15% of eligible students officially vaccinated, though many may have not reported.

Consequences of virus are learning loss, social growth loss, much staff time spent on non-academics, repeated in waves over two years.

### Summer School Plans

150 students will be invited, K-7, with emphasis on students with disabilities, ELL, disengaged this year, lots of quarantines.

Morning intensive academics and tutoring, afternoon enrichment through YMCA and MOMIES. Before and After care will be provided. Support staff through Maryland Teacher Tutors and summer program for Teach for America (one of only 2 DC schools).

### End of the Year Data

Attendance down thanks to intermittent quarantines. In 20-21 87%, in 21-22 82%. The rate of 90% attendance likewise decreased from 68% to 38%. Truancy increased from 27% to 31%.

Reading achievement scores are on par with previous years whereas math scores lag behind previous years. 25% are at the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile for ELA, only 10% at 50<sup>th</sup> percentile in math.

### Plans for 22-23 School Year

Long term virtual learning will be discontinued, though short term virtual learning during quarantine will continue.

Schedule and support for reading and math improvement, daily time for EL Crew, and intervention time in MS.

Communication improvements with families for attendance, immunizations, truancy, and engagement.

Accountability – Covid pandemic suspended existing accountability measures the last two years. This year the PCSB is collecting Transitional Goals Data of attendance, re-enrollment, PreK literacy/numeracy, and PARCC results. New accountability standards in effect next year, with 5 year Charter Review in fall 2024.

Enrollment – 85% (550) of budgeted enrollment is registered. Over 50% (323) are fully enrolled. The school is holding open houses, advertising on radio and in print, and participated in DC PRIDE parade.

Staffing – 77% of staff hired for 22-23 School Year

## V. Committee Reports

Academic and School Culture Committee – Karen Rivas reported on committee review of school data and the EL Resolution. Karen Rivas made a motion that the board adopt the EL resolution. Mahima Richards seconded the motion. Roll Call. In Favor: Mahima Richards, Steve Percy,

Keith Collins, Annie Hsiao, Edie Ashton, Justin Duiguid, Annie Hsiao, and Karen Rivas.  
Opposed: None. The motion passed to approve the EL Resolution.

Finance Committee – Mahima Richards and Jeff Cooper presented overview of budget for FY 22-23 that had been reviewed by the Finance Committee. The favorable financial position of the school will be maintained in the budget which includes salary increases and new positions which cover nearly  $\frac{3}{4}$  of expenses, funded to a great extent by Literacy and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grants. Steve Percy made a motion that the board approve the budget. Mahima Richards seconded the motion. Roll Call. In Favor: Mahima Richards, Steve Percy, Keith Collins, Annie Hsiao, Edie Ashton, Justin Duiguid, Annie Hsiao, and Karen Rivas. Opposed: None. The motion passed to approve the FY 22-23 Budget.

Governance Committee – Edie Ashton reported the committee reviewed the EL Resolution, crafted a Board Survey that will be sent out to board members, and that the position of Board Chair is open.

VI. Vote to Adjourn the Meeting

Edie Ashton asked for a motion to Adjourn the Meeting. Karen Rivas made a motion to Adjourn the Meeting. Mahima Richards seconded the motion. Roll Call. In Favor: Mahima Richards, Steve Percy, Keith Collins, Annie Hsiao, Edie Ashton, Justin Duiguid, Annie Hsiao, and Karen Rivas. Opposed: None. The motion passed to Adjourn the Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM