DMA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/21/2015 **Start Time:** 1730 Eastern

Meeting Duration: 0 hours 45 minutes **Adjourn Time:** 1815 Eastern

Present: Victoria Alexitch, Kimberly Bryson, Ed Capodanno, Al DiEmedio, Don Fulton, Sharon Kurfuerst, Dennis Rochford, Dave Geiger, David Call, Anthony Pullella

Excused: John DiEleuterio, Ken Gatson, Bob Hill, Brad Bugher, Tony Bariglio, Doug Hershman, Joseph Yacyshyn

Guests: Paul Long

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Capodanno at 1745 (delay awaiting quorum) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence observed 	None required
Secretary's Report	Minutes reviewed; Secretary Kurfuerst indicated that the November minutes would be approved at the January Board Meeting due to a lack of quorum at this meeting	Secretary Kurfuerst to re-present November Board Meeting minutes at January meeting for approval vote
Departmental Report - Science	 Written report reviewed by Mr. Long, Science Department Chair; highlights included: Department has an emphasis on students and their readiness for the workplace or next higher level of education Department would like to have new space and equipment available to enhance lab opportunities for student learning Would like to offer additional AP courses in future years if space and staffing would allow An immediate need is to have the smart technology in the classrooms work consistently and to have laptop access 	None required

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	for students for research purposes given that the school doesn't have a library	
• Chairman's Report	 Landmark Engineering submitted all appropriate documents to the County; awaiting their formal approval Board pledges are completed; forms due to Mr. Gatson by 12/31/15; Board participation is at 100% with a total give of 88K (12K short of goal) Chairman Capodanno is meeting with the DMA staff to solicit pledges; some staff have already pledged; goal is to have 100% staff participation by 1/31/16 with a giving goal of 50K 	Board members to ensure that completed pledge forms are to Mr. Gatson by 12/31/15
• Commandant's Report	 Commandant Pullella provided his monthly report noting highlights from the written report: DMA was selected for a visit by the Office of Civil Rights; visit completed on 12/16/15; only two minor concerns identified regarding diversity on the interview panel and ensuring all parts of building are ADA accessible Joint meeting held on 12/16/15 with Wohlsen, Landmark, and McCoy Pearl Harbor Ceremony occurred on 12/7/15 There are 300+ applicants for the incoming Freshman class; deadline for application is 1/13/16; interviews start on 1/8/16 New wrestling room is completed Looking at possible change of transportation vendors for next school year On 12/9/15 DMA had an intruder drill with a subsequent debrief on 12/22/15; discussion held regarding the prudence 	Commandant Pullella to follow-up with the Board regarding recommendations around the carrying of weapons by select faculty members

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	of having select faculty carry concealed weapons; Commandant Pullella reaching out to Chief Setting of the NCC Police for guidance • DMA's Charter was renewed on 12/16/15 with support for increasing the student body to 750 students over 5 years contingent upon the completion of the new building	
• Treasurer's Report	 Treasurer Alexitch provided the monthly report. Financials remain on budget YTD. Fund Development Committee decided to cancel the contract with Growth Consultants; will look at other capital campaign managers within our budgetary guidelines 100K has been received from the Delaware Welfare Foundation DMA current pays \$4500/year membership to the DE Charter School Network; discussion held regarding whether there is any benefit to this members; decision made to remain a member for one additional year and ask the DCSN for accountability regarding pertinent issues and activities that are being requested and/or supported 	None required
Governance Committee	No update	None required
• Finance Committee	Combined as above with Treasurer's Report	None required
Academic Excellence Committee	Secretary Kurfuerst working to schedule Committee meeting in late January/early February	None required
Citizen Budget Oversight Committee	Report combined with Treasurer's report	None required
• Fundraising Development Committee	 Ongoing work on the capital campaign continues; focus is on grants and major donors Need to have 2/3 of the goal dollars raised before going to the public for money Ms. Bryson will continue to work with Board 	None required

		 members regarding cultivating donor contacts Discussion held regarding the development of a monthly Fund Development Committee dashboard to track progress 	
•	New Business	• None	None required
•	Old Business	Possible donor to capital campaign for 2 million dollars upon death with agreement for naming building after him/her; Chairman Capodanno is working on an upfront arrangement with interest to be able to possibly access the funds sooner	None required
•	Additional Items from the Floor	• None	None required
•	Next Board Meeting	• The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 25th at 5:30 pm at DMA	None required
•	Adjournment	Hearing no additional business, Chairman Capodanno adjourned the meeting	None required

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Kurfuerst