

DMA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 29, 2021

Start Time: 18:01 hours

Adjourn Time: 18:50 hours

Meeting Duration: 49 minutes

Present: Tony Bariglio, Mike Berardi, David Call, Al Di Emedio, Kristen Doughty, Ken Gatson, Bob, Hill, Michael Hoffman, Heath Kahrs, Dominick Papa, Anthony Pullella, General Frank Vavala

Absent:

Guest: Cynthia Ferry, PTA President

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○ Call to Order	○ At 18:01 hours, Chairperson Bariglio called the March DMA Board meeting to order and thanked all in attendance. He called upon A. Di Emedio to present the Secretary's Report.	○ None required
○ Secretary's Report	○ The March Minutes had been distributed for review prior to the meeting. A. Di Emedio inquired about additions or deletions, and, being none, Chairperson Bariglio called for a motion to approve the Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Motion to approve the Minutes:○ M. Berardi○ General Vavala○ Vote: Affirmative NB: M. Kaufman provided the following correction to the Minutes, February 2021: "M. Hoffman asked Commandant Pullella to review impacts, if any, of legislation recently adopted by the General Assembly on DMA. Commandant Pullella indicated that he would complete this review."	○ None required
○ Chairperson's Report	○ Chairperson Bariglio shared the following items from the weekly Charter School Leadership meetings:	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ approximately 50% of the Leadership meeting involves Covid-related discussions; ○ School Board members are now able to receive the vaccine and related information can be obtained by contacting A. Bariglio; ○ Chairperson Bariglio shared information pertaining to SS 1 for SB 78: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 AND TITLE 31 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF SCHOOL BOARDS AND THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION as a result of A. Di Emedio’s inquiry of a request for DMA Board Members to provide a CBC to K. Gatson. Access the following: https://legis.delaware.gov/BillDetail/48408 Essentially, the Act enhances the qualifications for an individual to serve as a member of a school board or the State Board of Education. Among other items, the Act requires a prospective member of a school district board or State Board of Education to undergo the background check for child-serving entities and provides authority for the State Bureau of Identification to provide the required background check information to the appropriate entities. ○ Finally, Chairperson Bariglio indicated that athletics and special events were always matters discussed by the Charter School Leadership members. ○ Reminders: 1) sign and return your Conflict of Interest Form to A. Di Emedio; 2) submit committee selection information to Chairperson Bariglio or M. Hoffman; 3) consider Board 	

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	<p>Member financial support of DMA, such to be given to K. Gatson.</p> <p>Related to the above, B. Hill inquired as to the “threshold” for recognition of / acknowledgement for such support to which K. Gatson had indicated \$500 for receipt of a “thank you” and, an indication that a discussion will be held relative to a review of this policy with Commandant Pullella.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chairperson Bariglio called upon Commandant Pullella to present the Commandant’s Report. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commandant’s Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commandant Pullella shared the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ plans for an additional cohort in mid-April as a five-day cohort, with no additional changes through the remainder of the year; ○ informed Board Members of 204 Class of ’25 admissions offerings, more than the usual 135, and currently at 175, the largest freshmen class; ○ plans to hold all regularly scheduled events, with appropriate safeguards, during the remainder of the year - Prom, Graduation, ROTC, Awards, etc. – with DEDOE permission. ○ Commandant Pullella shared the following additional information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ dual enrollment partnership agreements with IHEs for 2021-2022; ○ PTA-sponsored lunch for DMA faculty and staff under the leadership of C. Ferry, PTA President; ○ shared that the Sports Boosters were “very busy” and looking forward to the DMA Golf Outing, the proceeds of which are used entirely for the Athletic Program. Commandant Pullella added that the Athletic Program is supported through fundraisers, fees and corporate sponsors and several DMA Board Member donations; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ indicated that re-enrollment forms were due on this date, and total enrollment was anticipated to be 610-620, 2021-2024, an increase of 30-40 cadets. ○ confirmed the retirement of Master Chief Call with no other retirements anticipate; and, related, staff intention letters were to be sent with no other retirements anticipated in this category; finally, ○ Commandant Pullella re-affirmed the wonderful support of the DMA parents! ○ H. Kahrs offered “kudos” to Commandant Pullella and staff for the wonderful work that they are doing on behalf of their students and parents! 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Treasurer’s Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H. Kahrs presented the following report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DMA is currently at 66.67% of the budget year having received 121.5% of the anticipated revenue for the year versus 95% for the same period in the prior year. Major factors contributing to the positive variance in revenue were discussed in the February Board meeting. If the two unexpected events did not occur, DMA would be at approximately 93.5% of the annual budget. A majority of the revenue received during the current month related to the 3rd installment of four installments of the Navy Aid; ○ expenditures for the 8-month period are at 65.0% versus 62.8% for the same period in the prior year; ○ there are no concerns noted related to the variances and explanations contained in the February financial reports. ○ Chairperson Bariglio called for a motion to approve the Budget Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to approve: ○ B. Hill ○ M. Berardi <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Vote: Affirmative</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finance Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Finance Committee met on March 15, 2021 and the following occurred: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the Financial Statement Audit was scheduled for June 30, 2021 with the engagement letter having been received from B&T and in the process of being executed; and, ○ the Audit RFP Process is to be conducted in the fall of 2021 once the audit is completed. ○ Chairperson Bariglio called for a motion to approve the Finance Committee Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to approve: ○ B. Hill ○ M. Berardi <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Vote: Affirmative</p> 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Governance Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ M. Hoffman, Chair of the Governance Committee, shared the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ began comments commending the current DMA Board with being active and involved; ○ addressed the recent resignation of A. Manerchia and proceeded to give a brief overview of Mr. Glenn Outten as a replacement for A. Manerchia, and as an excellent addition given his financial expertise. With an affirmative vote, M. Hoffman indicated that G. Outten would serve a probationary period through June 2021; ○ with support of the Governance Committee members, and with specific favorable comments and endorsements from H. Kahrs and Chairperson Bariglio, a motion was made to accept G. Outten as a DMA Board Member for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, with consideration for continuing his membership at the June DMA Board meeting. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chairperson Bariglio called for a motion to approve : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to approve: ○ M. Hoffman ○ B. Hill <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Vote: Affirmative</p> ○ Additionally, it was recommended that one new DMA Board Member be added effective July 1, 2021, and that the Board create a routine for “rolling” replacement of DMA Board Members. Board Members were asked to send names to M. Kauffman. ○ Chairperson Bariglio called for a motion to approve : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to approve: ○ M. Hoffman ○ General Vavala <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Vote: Affirmative</p> 	
○ Academic Excellence Committee	○ N/A	○ None required
○ Fund Development Committee	○ N/A	○ None required
○ Alumni Committee	○ N/A	○ None required
○ New Business	○ N/A	○ None required
○ Old Business	○ N/A	○ None required
○ Additional Items from the Floor	○ N/A	○ None required
○ Next Board Meeting	○ The next Board meeting will be In-Person, McDonald Hall, Monday, April 26, 2021 at 18:00 hours.	○ None required
○ Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hearing no additional business, Chairperson Bariglio called for a motion to adjourn the March DMA Board meeting at 18:50. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to approve: B. Hill ○ Second: K. Doughty 	○ None required

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	Vote: Unanimous approval	

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfred D. Di Fmedio