

Maine Learning Innovations

Minutes for a Meeting of the Board of Directors held December 11, 2018

Pursuant to email and public website notices, a meeting of the Board of Maine Learning Innovations was convened at 2:00 PM on December 11, 2018, in the Maine Virtual Academy offices in Augusta. Members attending in person were Peter Mills, Ed Leblanc and Donna Madore. Amy Carlisle and Jennifer Hight attended by Skype or phone.

Also attending in person were Melinda Browne, Jillian Dearborn, Gina Post from the Charter Commission, architect George Parker, Gary Peachey of Peachey Builders, Chelsea Osgood (Teacher of 7th & 8th grade Social Studies), and Caroline Rideout (Teacher of 10th & 11th grade English). Erica Seybert from K12 attended by phone.

Minutes. Upon motion by Donna, seconded by Ed, the minutes for November 13, 2018 were approved.

Office Space. Architect George Parker reviewed the plan we have commissioned him to prepare to provide 25 separate offices by doubling the amount of space that we presently have on the second floor. Gary Peachey has priced out the capital cost of this construction at about \$502,472; but it could be less after further work is done on pricing and discussions with sub-contractors. The cost seems prohibitive. Peter agreed to contact Kevin Mattson about this and other options and how this might translate into a rental figure.

Financial Report. Upon motion by Donna, seconded by Ed, Jennifer Hight's financial report was accepted.

Health Insurance. Upon motion by Donna, seconded by Ed, it was agreed to adopt the Harvard Pilgrim PPO plan at a cost of

- \$ 531.11 per month per employee,
- \$1062.23 for employee & spouse,
- \$ 982.56 for employee and one child, or
- \$1646.45 for full family coverage.

It was agreed to continue offering the HSA option at \$436.81 per month per employee with the difference in premium of \$94.30 to be contributed to the employee's health savings account.

[After later discussion with the broker, it was agreed to adopt the Anthem Gold PPO plan whose monthly cost, if enrollment remains the same, will be \$18,660, as opposed to \$17,338 for the current year.]

Head of School and other Reports.

Gina Post says that Connections Academy is 40% free and reduced lunch, but MEVA is 60%. The statewide average is 47%. Our higher rate generates more Title funds for MEVA.

Chelsea Osgood said that parents love the new middle school schedule with regular sessions every day. Caroline Rideout reported that the high school courses contain three whole group sessions each week, one that is 30 minutes long and two that are 50 minutes each.

Fadia said several families came to the open house last week. Our enrollment levels are 40, 54, 51, 67, 75, and 85, respectively, for grades 7 through 12. We have 17 seats open for second semester and will have no problem filling them to arrive back at our quota of 390. We will handle Middle and High School testing separately at seven sites. Our Family Support Liaison person now works out of the office rather than from home. It's a big improvement.

Sarah Butler Jessom is doing some further parent interviews before finishing up her third party evaluation report in time for our January meeting. The Charter Commission would like to have it by the end of January.

At 4:00 PM, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Mills, Secretary