

James Madison Charter Academy
MINUTES of the Board of Directors
Special Meeting
(5 June 2008)

- Call to Order** Mrs. McNelly, Board of Director's President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
- Pledge of Allegiance** Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call** Board of Directors members present:
Mr. Donald Staton, Mrs. Vernell Murphy, Mr. Lawrence Marcus and Mrs. Kathy McNelly. Mrs. Lucy Stewart absent
- Approval of Minutes** Mr. Staton made a motion to add quote marks around the phrase "The policy should put some teeth". Approved, no other objections, minutes approved as corrected.
- Unfinished Business** None
- New Business** 1) Recommendation that Mrs. Mac curtail day care activities until August, 2008. Mr. Staton made motion, Mrs. Murphy 2nd.
Discussion:
Mrs. Mac – 2 permanent children, one leaving, 2 part time as needed (twice a week). No other known, no new children starting, no one has knowledge of any new children.
Mr. Marcus – expenses are MUCH greater than income.
Mrs. McNelly – do an expense workup. Mrs. Mac works alone 12 hours a day, so new person starting Monday to help. Food = \$70-80 every 2-3 weeks. Janitorial = 2hours a day 5 times a week=\$100
Mr. Marcus – \$600 a week in expenses.
1 Full time child = \$100
2 Part time child = \$80
Mrs. Mac – Parents are ready for this with back up plans. Personally, she is ready to leave. She is ready to come back next year and re-start the day care.
Mr. Marcus – write this as a contract for use, that way we can assure commitments of children.
Janna Rothgeb – Can we do a parent survey as to why parents are not using the day care?
Mrs. Murphy – Parents are feeling the financial crunch and are making other, less expensive efforts for day care. Price, so are using siblings, neighbor kids, family members and doing other stuff to save money
Mrs. Marcus – Also, very little information put out so was not really informed as to what was going on. Perhaps make more effort to put

out information so more parents are aware of the day care, and what the day care activities are going to be.

Mrs. Marcus – This stopping looks bad, and was a failure to plan on behalf of the board. The board needs to make more effort to get the info out, and ensure that the day care is good to go, or will be stopped in the summer time. Put out newsletter, packets at the back to school night, etc.

Mrs. Marcus – Put out to parents what the day care is doing for activities. Make sure just not sitting at the gym at school.

Mrs. McNelly – What date to stop and restart? Mrs. Mac put out to all parents that Friday, 6 June was probably last day.

Mrs. Mac - will follow up with parents to make sure they are good with back up plans for day care.

Mrs. Murphy – May have some ideas for back up care if needed. Please contact her if needed.

Mrs. Rothgeb – When will be restarted?

Mrs. McNelly – School starts 4 August. Mrs., Mac, can you come back to work on 28 Jul to restart day care?

Mrs. Mac – Yes.

Mrs. McNelly – any more discussion?

Mr. Marcus - Motion is to curtail day care on 6 June and re-start Monday 28 July.

Vote – All aye

2) Recommendation for Board to hire a lawn service to kill weeds on the school property.

Mr. Marcus – Motion to assign a board member to get estimates to hire a lawn company to kill weeds on the school property. Mrs. Murphy 2nd.

Mrs. McNelly – Board found out that there is a company hired in the past for snow removal and weed control. Mr. Marcus volunteered to head this and get it done.

Mr. Marcus – I will call and get estimates. PTO has pledged \$1000 to help kill the weeds.

Mrs. McNelly – Date we can expect some dead weeds?

Mr. Marcus – Will call to get estimates, and will get started spraying as soon as company can do it.

Mrs. McNelly – Must use kid friendly chemicals.

Mrs. Marcus – There is a company in Pueblo that can spray a chemical to prevent the weeds from growing. She has tried to contact them but no return calls.

Mrs. McNelly – More discussion?

Mrs. Rothgeb – My Company has some employees sitting around. Can I have them come and work on the weeds with no problems? Could send them for a couple of hours as long as school buys the spray.

Mrs. McNelly – Make a copy of the chemical list, document the hours, should be no problem. Any more discussion?
Vote: All aye.

Opportunity for public to be heard:

Mrs. Rothgeb: Are the uniforms going to change?

Mrs. McNelly – Not been discussed. Not on the agenda, so no, uniforms will not change.

Mrs. Marcus – Calendar on the web page is not correct, and does not reflect correct meeting days for some organizations. She has worked with Jason Mansfield to get it done, and told that has to go through Dr. S to get it done. It doesn't make sense right now as parents cannot use current calendar as a quick reference for meeting dates and times.

Mr. Marcus – Calendar is mostly on one or two pages, and is very hard to understand.

Mrs. McNelly – We can address that and see what is going on, and try to make changes as necessary.

Mrs. McNelly – Received Fountain Valley parade information. Theme is 1940's. Give to PTO for action and need to call Board for any assistance needed for support.

Mrs. Marcus - Thanks

Next Board Meeting

24 June 2008, 7:00pm

Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:46pm.