

Maine Learning Innovations

Minutes for a Meeting of the Board of Directors held March 19, 2019

Pursuant to email and public website notices, a meeting of the Board of Maine Learning Innovations was convened at 2:00 PM March 19, 2019, in the Maine Virtual Academy offices in Augusta. Members attending in person were Peter Mills and Donna Madore. Amy Carlisle and Ed LeBlanc attended by phone

Also attending in person were Melinda Browne, Chelsea Osgood (Junior High Social Studies), Dee Pouzol (Special Education) Patti Ashley from K12 accounting, Jennifer Hight and Jillian Dearborn. Sarah Berger attended by phone.

Minutes for the meeting of February 26, 2019, were approved.

Head of School Report

Our free and reduced lunch census has dropped from 217 to 142. This has an impact on funding.

The school could use another teacher next year even if we stay with the same student count. We need a budget to be approved by July 1 so that it may be uploaded in July.

The three science teachers are all together in the spare “campaign” office at the end of the hall.. The landlord lets us use it free of charge, but we had to bring internet wiring down to it at great expense.

Three of the four Special ed teachers still work from one room. We need five to ten more teaching spaces for next year. The landlord would prefer not to rent the west wing to us unless we take the whole space. The business wing has potential for five spots and is all wired. Jillian will determine what it would cost to wire the west wing. Jillian says we have a new copier with higher copy limits than before.

Melinda reported that the Commission is creating generic targets for all nine charter schools. These will include financial targets. She is applying for ESSA funds to support professional development.

70% of our students have responded to a query about re-enrollment for next year. 201 in grades 7 through 11 have re-registered.

MEA tests start April 2. For 7th and 8th graders, the math and English reading and writing are all given in one day. The eight graders must come back to take their science portion. Juniors have a separate day for SATs. The PAPE assessment is for the cognitive disabled.

Executive Session

At 2:50 PM upon motion by Donna, seconded by Peter, it was unanimously voted to go into executive session under 1 MRSA §405, sub-§6, ¶A to discuss the compensation, employment, and duties of employees of Maine Virtual Academy.

At 4:10 PM, it was unanimously voted to come out of executive session and to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Mills, Secretary