



## MICS Board of Directors Meeting 01-11-2021

**Attendees** Todd Porter, Kevin Wiley, Kim Leppert, Greg Snelson, Kelly Pledger, Rich Zinno, Brett Rhinehardt, Laura Jung, Kelly Loving, Eric LaForce, Justin Matthews

Quorum Status: Yes

- I. Call to Order: 5:32pm
- II. Board Comment: Comment from Board chairperson regarding investigation and intent to enter closed session.
- III. Approval of minutes: Kelly L. Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Laura, all in favor, Approved.
- IV. Public Comment: Berkley Savage, Kim Tadlock, Lindsay Phillips-
- V. Board Applications: Total of seven applications have been received. Interviews will be conducted in January and February. The board will determine how many spots are open after board vote.
- VI. Sub-Committee Reports:
  - a. Academics: no update
  - b. Finance/Facilities:
    - i. The MICS, Inc. financial audit for the financial year ending June 20, 2020, was performed by Potter & Company and reported no material issues.
    - ii. The MICS SOAR Foundation audit was performed by a different auditor, C Dewitt Foard, but the audit results were provided to Potter & Company to include in their report since SOARs financials represent 31% of MICS, Inc.'s net position. The SOAR audit was also clean and contained no material issues.
    - iii. The scope of these audits includes reviewing financial statements, financial reporting, and any internal controls to ensure accounting practices and financial reporting practices adhere to state set standards.
    - iv. If anyone is interested, the full audit report can be supplied via email.
  - c. Governance:
    - i. Moratorium instituted at last board meeting on leasing MICS facilities until Jan 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting, however Governance proposes to restrict on-campus activities for the majority of in-school activities for all lessees in order to give Governance time to write a complete policy.
    - ii. Based on feedback from the Board members, motion to keep moratorium until further review. Greg motion, Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup>, Brett opposed, remaining in favor- motion approved.
  - d. HR: No Update
  - e. SOAR Report: Met Wednesday, 1/6 at 6:30pm.
    - i. Due to COVID, all in-person activities/events are on hold.
    - ii. Committee is looking into a virtual "silent" Auction, a virtual Sweetheart Dance (daddy/daughter, mom/son, etc.), and what can we do for our teachers/staff/students to support them in these crazy times - now is the time to spend money to support the school and school community.

VII. School Operations Report:

A. School Remote Learning Transition Update:

1. Motion to approve remote learning transition, Kevin motion, Todd 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, approved.
2. Decision matrix/timing on learning environment changes
  - a) During the initial survey most of the staff were in favor of a 2-week delay in starting school in-person.
  - b) School will put a survey out later this week on staff perspective on returning to school.
  - c) Looking at a combination three factors on decision to come back:
    - (1) Inside school cases (COVID positive cases on students and staff confirmed through Dept of health and through parent information sent to school).
    - (2) Community case trends (Gaston and Mecklenburg counties)
    - (3) Measure capacity of internal teams to deliver the program
  - d) Final decision by COB Wednesday or Thur.

B. Benchmark II assessment update:

C. Covid Relief Fund Transfer Update: MICS was successful in helping transfer COVID funds to appropriate programs.

D. Update on Covid Policy from DHHS/state: The two substantial changes were put in the Raptor call, specifically around testing and quarantining (days exposed, days since test, etc.).

E. Update on Cross-Program Consolidated Monitoring Audit: The regular audit of school's administration and implementation of these Federal grants is conducted by the NCDPI Federal Program Monitoring and Support and School Business Monitoring and Compliance Divisions. Monitoring emphasizes accountability for using resources wisely in educating and preparing North Carolina's students. Virtual interview set for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>.

VIII. Enter Closed Session for reasons 143.318.11 (.A3) Brett Motion, Kelly P. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor Approved. Enter Closed Session at 7:00pm

IX. Board leaves closed session at 10:07pm:

X. Next Board Meeting: 2/08/2021

Adjournment: 10:10PM