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## MINA CHARTER SCHOOL OF LEE COUNTY – MCS

### AGENDA

December 3, 2019

5:30 – Dinner and Fellowship

6:00 P.M.- Monthly Board Meeting

Mrs. Myron Jones, Executive Secretary

**Members Present:** Dr Shawn Williams, Myron Jones, Stella Farrow, Atty Jeanette Peace, Joyce Williams, Omar Marcias,

**Via zoom:** Guinean Royal, Salih Tuncer

**Also, Present:** Bob Bedi Media Integrations

*Kandice Pedley and Stephany Peterkin* has not been in contact so we need to reach out to them.

**Board Minutes for November 5, 2019** were approved as submitted.

Meeting was **called to order** by Dr. Shawn Williams

**Invocation** was offered by Joyce William

**Mission Statement** was read by Myron Jones

### **Dr. Shawn Williams:**

**Building Information:** The Site Superintendent is on site permanently. We are moving forward. Site plans are there and will be presented on Thursday. There will be a 6- foot high fence. Our sign does not fit compliance so we are waiting to see what the fee will be because the sign is already made.

Weston Realty to see if there is anything in the restaurant that are of use and he will come back with a quote for us. There are plates, cups, silverware that you may want and you are free to go in and get them. Contact Dr. Williams or Mrs. Farrow to get into the building. There are some items that we may be able to make a few dollars for the school. Demolition will begin on **Dec 12th** right after the ground breaking.

Mrs. Stella Farrow: Administrators Brief -Report on the progress and what she and parent liaison has been working on. Mrs. Farrow presented a monthly report sheet to the board members and they were given the opportunity to peruse and clarify any questions or concerns. Mrs. Farrow stated that one of the things that we need to do is get out to the housing communities. Maybe we can set up groups of 2-3 to go door to door on January 11, 2020 and Feb 8, 2020. Maybe between 10:00 and 12. Send Mrs. Farrow an email if you can help or know of someone who can help. We would need a training session or the board member to be the leader of their team.

**Natalia Ruth Torres will be our Hispanic Liaison** and we will bring her on at ten hours per week until we get our money coming in.

We may want to have a table at the MLK event in January. Mrs. Farrow will check on the logistics of this event and how to get involved,

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Elfugio- they really want to have a seat at our table. They have not had anyone to respond to us thus far so we may need to find another Hispanic partner.

**Access Grant-** Mrs. Farrow attended at Research Triangle Park, ACE's (Adverse Childhood Experiences) maybe have a session for the board to watch the movie "Resilience" - Edgecombe County, presented several easy, sensible, and low cost or no cost activities to help students get in a good mental state. Dr. Williams, Mrs. Jones, and Mr. Bedi attended the workshop held in Sanford last year with United Way and other local health organizations. It is something that we want to become a part of.

**Money-** we are again in a wait and see state. They said the first of December. Now, we are looking at the middle of December. ACD contributed another \$3000 which will carry us through till January possibly. Mrs. Farrow has not been paid from the board yet.

**Atty Jeannette Peace – Operation- Atty.** Peace ask if the board would allow her to go to Mr. Jimmy Hare, (Professional Local Photographer) to see if he will give us a partial donation to do the photography. Permission was granted. After some discussion, it was decided that we want still photography then use it to make a video collage. Atty. Peace also informed the Board that she did get a response from Healthy Food and Operations will have that in full by the next meeting.

Dr Williams turned in 36 documents for the Ready To Open process and they needed 37. We did not think we needed it the Adherence to the 10/20 Day Rule since we do not have high school students. However, we did need to turn it in also. Motion to adopt the Adherence to the 10/20 Day Rule was moved by Atty Jeanette Peace and seconded by Myron Jones. Passed unanimously.

We must hire a nurse or we must contract one because there are certain medical things that require a nurse. Bob will try to get some contact with the nurse at the hospital.

**RTO Report: Myron Jones and Stella Farrow** attended on Nov. 18. Accountability and Operations. Highlights included discussions and rules about National Lunch Program, After School Snack Program, Special Milk Program, Emergency Health Plan, Medication, Students with Diabetes, Emergency Medical Plan, Immunization Rules, Transportation Plan, Health Care Coverage for Staff, State Health Plan, and Strategic Goals and Accountability of the board. We were given a Governance Strengthening Exercise that is Due for our RTO report in May.

**Billy Bradley, Jr. -Finance** Mr. Bradley is still at work so we do not have a finance report for tonight.

**Dr. Shawn Williams: Curriculum** - We did not meet this month but the materials for our curriculum are chosen and we will wait on Curriculum Coaches. To align these with the state curriculum.

**Omar Marcias and Bob Bedi: Technology and Media-** The area that needed emphasis and explanation was "What is a Charter School?" That took some time but everyone appeared much more relaxed and interested once it was explained. They picked up 3 new applications. Emily Ragland, Parent Liaison and Bob Bedi presented at the Chamber. Videos were made with Spanish and English. Elfuchio has run the videos on their website. Our general contractor is in town and our local trades and the Chamber will meet on [Thursday](#) afternoon. Mr. Marcias requested that he be granted permission to contact a digital marketing company called Red Marketing to see if they will play the video for us at no cost.

**Ground- Breaking Ceremony:** Mr. Bedi has sent out a skeletal program but he thinks it is all worked out and we just need to make sure we have the shovels, etc. Dr. Williams ask him to speak with Atty Peace about being the master of ceremony. The total program should be about 30-45 minutes. We need a list of all the board members that will be attending. Dr Williams stated that we have a fenced in area that will be the playground, so let's look at it logistically and see where to have the actual ground-breaking and parking.

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Dr Williams – We spent two hours with the Atty, Lisa Stella Gordon on our handbook. It was two hours well spent. Mrs. Farrow made a few changes to our Uniform Policy. Please look over it and be ready to vote on it. We need to get our uniform policy in place for our January board meeting.

We had discussed having some kind of Christmas Celebration however, we cannot plan that right now because of funding. We will see if the money comes down and move accordingly.  
Any dates planned for Jan. Feb. March? For parent nights? Dr Williams ask that we get that planned and out as soon as possible.

We have 2 Guests tonight, The Cooks who are members of the church and the community.

We are meeting tonight at the Civic Center. It cost us \$114. It was on the marquee announcing our meeting. We have it through August.

We had agreed to pay \$50.00 a month per Board Member to cover some of the expenses of the board such as the meals, space. We cannot require you to pay anything. It is free will donation.

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Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Shawn E. Williams