

**Montgomery Virtual Academy Parent Teacher Council (MVAPTC)
Officers Meeting
Minutes**

Date: January 11, 2022

Meeting Time: 9:00 pm

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Chair: Jessica Sherman, President

Secretary: Mattie Sanchez Vargas

Attendance: Jessica Sherman, Liz Ryan, Mattie Sanchez Vargas, Troy MacDonald, George Korzeniewski, Rene Vanessa M Coleman, Priscilla Batista, Donald Whitfield

Meeting called to order at 9:00 PM by Jessica Sherman, President.

Item 1. Proposed edits to By-Laws

Liz Ryan, Treasurer, presented proposed changes to the by-laws approved on January 6 by the general membership. These are minor changes, but they are excerpts included in the Articles of Incorporation filing so need to be accurate for that filing.

Proposed changes are highlighted in red font below:

Article II Purpose:

The corporation is organized for the purpose of supporting the educational, physical, social and emotional well-being of children attending the Montgomery Virtual Academy. The Parent Teacher Council will assist in fostering relationships among the school staff & teachers, parents/guardians, and students.

d. Vice President of Upper School/Sixth Grade and through Eighth Grade. The vice president shall assist the president and carry out the president's duties in his or her absence or inability to serve. The vice president shall also oversee the committees of this organization.

Jessica Sherman motioned to approved. Motion carried.

Additional question raised by Rene Vanessa Coleman, Vice President, on whether the inclusion of "principal" in the executive committee should remain in Article VI Execution Board Section 1. Three options were considered: (1) no change; (2) remove: "principal"; (3) change "principal" to "one representative from the Upper School staff, one representative from the Lower School staff."

Upon confirmation that the MVA has one principal, Mrs. Heifetz, and two Deans, listed on their website, no change is proposed for this time for accuracy until reviewed with MVA staff for preference. Next step decided is to check with Principal/Dean Heifetz for her input on these three options for a role on the MVAPTC Executive Board.

Item 2. Articles of Incorporation Application Review

Liz Ryan, Treasurer, presented the Articles of Incorporation application for the State of Maryland, sent in advance for final review. All officers listed in the Bylaws (Pres, Tres, Sec, VPs) are listed as incorporators. The MD Dept of Taxation - Chartering said they need all incorporators to sign the second page - no copies, black ink must be used, no to signing and scanning to send it around. One piece of paper with all signatures, even if filing online, have this form with all signatures and upload it.

Jessica and Liz were trying to call again with a few other questions that were emailed but got an auto-response that it would be 10 days to get a response by email. It may be more prudent to get these signatures and get the form turned in.

Item 3. Meeting Schedules

Parent Council meetings had been on the first Thursday of the month in the Fall.

Officers concurred with holding MVAPTC Membership meetings on the first Thursday of the month and Executive Board meetings on the third Thursday of the month.

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:52 PM and passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes completed by Mattie Sanchez Vargas