

MINUTES OF MEETING
The MAX Charter School Board of Directors

DATE: March 14, 2019

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: MAX Charter School

Present: Jake Giardina, Karen Chauvin, Carol “Boo” Broussard, Brian Aucoin, J.J. Buquet, Dr. Al Davis, Dr. Cleve Hill, Larry Howell, and Andrea Bergeron.

Also present were Rebecca Walker, Linda Musson, Suzette DeHart, Michelle Giardina, Catherine Jordan, and Janice Fabregas who took the minutes.

Absent: Alex Arceneaux and Dr. Steve Welsh

AGENDA	RECOMMENDATION
1. Call to Order	J. Giardina called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.
2. Roll Call	J. Giardina called the roll, and a sign-in sheet was passed around.
3. Approval of the Minutes	The Minutes of February 7, 2019, were presented. The Minutes of February 7, 2019, were accepted as presented.
4. Board Training/Special Guest Presentation	None
5. Teacher Representative Report	Special Education teacher Christy Waguespack reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Book Fair (Grandparents’ Day) held on February 18-21 sold \$3, 000 in books/items. • Students participated in Paint the Parish Purple and raised about \$120 for the American Cancer Society through Relay for Life. • On Friday, February 22, 2019, six (6) 8th Grade girls went to John Deere in Thibodaux for “Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day,” an event to foster an interest in science, technology, engineering and math, commonly known as STEM. • “<i>Girls on the Run</i>” has been going on since the beginning of February for Grades 3, 4, and 5. • The 8th Grade science students are working on a school community recycling project. • The 6th Grade MAX Science Fair winners attended the Regional Science Fair at Nicholls on Thursday, February 7, 2019.
6. Finance Report	Financial Report and Update on Insurance and Finance Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. DeHart presented the January 2018 financial statements. • S. DeHart went over the financials. • Copies of the audit were available for The MAX Board members’ review. • MAX is presently waiting on a reimbursement from the Child Nutrition Program as The MAX is not set up yet to receive refunds for the claims being made for lunches for the students on free and reduced lunches. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A request for funds was submitted in October 2018. January/February refunds will probably not be received until March/April.

trained in ELA and math.

- K. Chauvin mentioned that she had spoken to Jill Slack, Director of Literacy at the State Department, and they are working on an add-on certification for dyslexia therapy.
- Kelly DiMarco has found a company called **Instruction Partners** who would come in to observe/evaluate the teachers **at no cost** to The MAX. R. Walkers has agreed to have this done.
- Kelly DiMarco and the State Department will have their Annual Review Visit on Monday, March 25, 2019.
- R. Walker and L. Musson attended an LAPCS-hosted **Type 2 Charter Schools Meeting** with Superintendent John White.
- **LEAP Testing dates** will begin on Monday, April 1, and will last through Friday, May 3, 2019 –
 - Computer testing will be held for Grades 5-8.
 - Paper-based testing will be held the week of April 29 for Grades 3-4.
- R. Walker requested that the April MAX Board meeting be relocated to another site due to the LEAP testing.

- R. Walker and S. DeHart will be attending the Louisiana Association of School Business Officials Conference on Wednesday, April 3rd – Friday, April 5th.

***Dr. A. Davis expressed appreciation to R. Walker and A. Borne for the Open House presentation.

Consultant's/Ms. Musson's Report:

Ms. L. Musson reported on the following:

- **Grants** --- L Musson submitted a grant to the **Bayou Community Foundation** and the **James J. Buquet, Jr. Family Foundation** and is presently working on the Danos Grant. These funds would be used for a part-time school counselor.
- **Alumni Report** – L. Musson read a letter she received from Mel Duplantis whose son Ian was one of the first graduates at The MAX.
 - The letter expressed the parents' appreciation to The MAX and cited some of the many accomplishments and successes of their son since his 8th grade graduation.
- The revised Foundation letter has been completed and is ready for approval.
- Five (5) MAX students will be attending the Literary Rally at Vandebilt Catholic High School in Houma on Saturday, March 16, 2019.

Parent Committee Report:

Andrea Bergeron, PTA President, reported on the following:

- There are presently fifteen (15) game booths that are signed up for

J. Giardina suggested the meeting be moved to the Thibodaux Regional Wellness Center and the date be changed to Thursday, April 11, 2019. He will check on the availability.

J.J. Buquet said he would contact Stephen Peltier.

	<p>the Race.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are six (6) teams registered for the Cajun Cook-off. Ms. Bergeron thanked the Board for their participation in the Cook-off. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board of Health will be conducting an inspection of all cook-off entries between 7:00 and 7:30 A.M. on the day of the event. • There are seven (7) banners displayed in the area. • There presently are approximately forty (40) items for the silent auction, and MAX students are actively involved in making items such as— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A desk with children’s portraits ○ A side table with mosaic tiles ○ A Teepee tent with handprints from lower school students ○ Sweets for the Sweet Shop Booth • At present, there are five (5) vendors who will be at the Race Fest. • The PTA is having a bake-off sale on Friday, March 15th. • Local celebrity Chase Landry of <i>Swamp People</i> will be at the Race Fest. • To date the Race has collected \$43,892 in revenue, with expenditures of \$6,770—giving us a net revenue of \$37,112 of which \$32,175 was collected in sponsorships. <p>Alumni News Report: See L. Musson’s comments about Ian Duplantis.</p>	
9. New Board Business	None	
10. Motion to Go into Executive Session	None	
11. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next MAX Board meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2019, the second Thursday of the month at The Thibodaux Regional Wellness Center. • Admissions Period: January 10, 2019 – March 29, 2019. • 11th Annual “Race for Their Future” 5K Race Fest: Saturday, March 16, 2019 • Admissions Lottery: Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 8:15 A.M. • Reminder to get annual Ethics Training...www.ethics.la.gov Deadline for Filing Annual Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 • Christmas DVD’s are available for \$12. • J. Giardina requested that a meeting of the MAX Charter School Foundation, Inc. be placed on the agenda for the April meeting. 	
12. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.	Motion was made by K. Chauvin, seconded by Dr. A. Davis, to adjourn the meeting ... Motion was passed unanimously.