

**MOT Charter School  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC SESSION**

**M I N U T E S**

**February 19, 2008  
MOT Charter School – Library**

**Call to Order** at 7:30 pm.

Present members:	Lou Savino	Jolene Outten
	Morris Deputy	Chris Sharp
	Linda Jennings	Jen Taylor

**Agenda Adopted** with the deletion of item “c. Staffing for 2008-09” under New Business.

**Minutes** from January 2008 approved as submitted.

**Head of School Report**

- Vision 2015 – promotional video played; we met a couple of times with the new expanded team. The big task we’re working on right now is trying to find one school-wide focus on how to improve writing and critical thinking; the expanded group is good, very diversified; the leadership training phase of this project has taught us a lot and forced us to be more reflective as we move to this new phase.
- Students and learning – had staff development; working on writing
- The State is revamping their business education and finance standards (career exploration) areas; we will quickly change our business education curriculum for middle schools.
- Ali Cooper will be leaving – her husband has been accepted into medical school in Houston; she’ll be leaving the end of this school year – we’re sorry to see her leave.
- Chris Sharp has resigned as a Board member, which leaves open a teacher position on the Board
- The State Board hearing on our pending Charter Modification will be held on February 29
- Finances – received most of local funds; projections have been adjusted and all federal funds have been received. New format required by State now needs to be posted and approved by the Board.
- High Construction mediation continuing – still looking for expert opinion for the roof repairs
- Bids for the new gym/classrooms addition are due February 25
- New security keycard access will be completed by the first of March
- Parent concern: practice and policy regarding usage of cell phones during school hours; if a student is caught and we know that a student has made a call, we take the phone and check their messages. Parent’s concern is an invasion of student’s privacy. Our practice is completely legal, but do believe we should clarify our practice in our policy (this is basically the 2008 version of passing notes in class)
- Parent concern – bullying; bus occurrence
- Budget planning for next school year will be starting soon; will go to the Board in May
- Walkthroughs of the classrooms by our Principals continue and are happy to report that our classes are on task, teaching the standards, and have the students engaged
- NWEA testing will be taken again after DSTP for IIP students
- Discipline referrals are stable
- Attendance – reduction in number unexcused absences compared to this time last year
- Staff attendance - steady

**Public Comment**

- Guests – Scott Gibson and Pam Price’s daughter (present to observe as part of their studies)

**Old Business**

NONE

**New Business**

2008-09 School Calendar – school calendar draft was presented to the staff; 186 student days. The difference from the current years’ calendar is that there is one less staff day and the winter break was a bit tricky due to how the holiday falls. This is still under discussion.

New Board Members – Chris Sharp is resigning pending his replacement, due to other commitments – the Board will open up his Board position to the faculty for interested teachers. The Board is also continuing to seek an additional community member, someone preferably with a financial background.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 8:20 pm.

The next Public Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at 7:30 pm at MOT Charter.