

**Marion Charter School
Board Minutes
Tuesday, January 23, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

Members present: Michelle Axson, Barbara Holland, Lori Soucey, Sonya Williams, and Sandy Wagner

Public Present: Vicki Bosworth

Michelle Axson called the Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The minutes from the October 17th Board meeting were reviewed with a motion to accept the minutes being made by Sonya Williams, and the second motion being made by Barbara Holland.

To begin the meeting, Michelle mentioned that there are no changes in regards to the current Board approved budget, as well as the current Board approved Staffing Plan.

Michelle then shared with the Board that the school's Title I Parent Survey is currently available to the parents. She stated that parents can fill out the survey online, or they can complete the paper survey that went home last week. Michelle said that the response so far has been excellent. Michelle said that as of now, 41 English and 5 Spanish surveys have been returned, which does not include any surveys that may have been completed online. The Board said that they were pleased with how many surveys have been completed and that they are excited to see the survey results at our next meeting.

Next, Michelle mentioned to the Board that she emailed the required tax information and documentation to all the members this afternoon. She said that if they had any questions, to please let her know.

Then, Michelle shared with the Board events and information that happened since the last Board meeting. They were:

- **Red Ribbon Week was Oct. 25th-29th and the theme was "Be Kind To Your Mind. Live Drug Free!" Our door decorating contest winner for K-2 was Mrs. Booe's class and for 3rd-5th, Mrs. Belwood's class. They both won a Popcorn and Movie Day. The event ended with our Character Dress Up Day and Parade on Oct. 31st.**
- **Kdg. -3rd grade went to Ocali Days on Nov. 10th and had a really good time.**
- **Thanksgiving Break was Nov. 20th-24th.**
- **Dec. 5th-7th our 3rd-5th Graders took their FAST PM#2 ELA test**
- **Winter Festival Around the World was held Dec. 14th-15th. The students had a really great time learning about different countries around the world.**
- **Winter Break was Dec. 20th-Jan. 3rd**
- **Jan. 9th-11th 3rd-5th Grade took their FAST PM #2 MATH test**
- **Jan 16th-Jan. 23rd Kdg.-2nd grade took their FAST PM#2 STAR Early Literacy or STAR Reading test, as well as their STAR MATH test.**

Next, Michelle shared the school's PM2 FAST scores. The results were:

- **Kindergarten:** The percentage of Kindergartners scoring a Level 3 or above for Star Early Literacy was 22%, as compared to the District's 28%, and for Star Math, Kindergarten had 17% scoring a Level 3 or above, as compared to the District's 20%.
- **First grade:** The percentage of students scoring a Level 3 or above for Star Early Literacy was 45%, as compared to the District's 25%, and for Star Math, 1st Grade had 42% of students scoring a Level or above, as compared to the District's 26%.
- **Second grade:** The percentage of students scoring a Level 3 or above for Star Reading was 31%, as compared to the District's 32%, and for Star Math, 2nd Grade had 31% scoring a Level 3 or above, as compared to the District's 27%.

Michelle then explained that the students in 3rd-5th took the FAST Reading test PM2 and the scores were as follows:

- For our Third grade students, 42% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 29% and the State's 40%.
- For our Fourth grade students, 31% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 32% and the State's 41%.
- For our Fifth grade students, 43% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 35% and the State's 43%.

Then, Michelle reviewed the PM2 Math FAST Scores for 3rd-5th Grades. They were:

- For our Third grade students, 29% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 22% and the State's 31%.
- For our Fourth grade students, 21% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 17% and the State's 25%.
- For our Fifth grade students, 37% scored a Level 3 or above, in comparison to the County's 26% and the State's 31%.

The Board was very pleased with the scores of both the Reading and Math tests.

Finally, Michelle shared with the Board some upcoming events here at Marion Charter School. They are:

- **Jump Rope For Heart Kick Off (Jan. 26th); Jump Rope For Heart Showcase (Feb. 14th)**
- **BARK Bus is coming Wednesday, Feb. 7th**
- **Friday, Feb. 16th 3rd and 5th Grade going to Silver River Knap In**
- **Wednesday, Feb. 21st, 4th Grade going to St. Augustine**
- **Feb. 26th-March 1st Dr. Seuss Week**
- **Feb. 29th Family Literacy Night from 5:30-6:30**
- **Thursday, March 7th, Kdg. to Uncle Donald's Farm**
- **Spring Break March 11th-15th**
- **4th and 5th grade BEST Writes April 2nd**
- **April 12th Kdg. going to the Library and Park**

Michelle reminded the Board that their next meeting was going to be April 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m., with the first motion being made by Lori Soucey and Barb Holland and Sonya Williams making the second motion.