

Governing Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025
 Location: <https://zoom.us/j/92191473499?pwd=WgAgY6nWdDgX39HByQ8qRht1yjlFeb.1>
 Meeting ID: 921 9147 3499
 Passcode: 580875
 Time: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Recorded by: M. Simmons

Attendees: GB Chair M. Thompson, GB Vice Chair, Executive Board members GB Finance Chair M. Liao-Troth, GB Human Resources Chair, Secretary M. Simmons, Executive Board member Dr. T. Isadore, Human Resources Executive Member J. Yukitomo, Executive Board member J. Smith, J. Dixon, Staff Board members B. Santos, J. Waterhouse, and A. Freitas, Parent Representative C. Campora, Student Representative J. Drummondo, Principal D. Oshiro, Finance Director A. Deutscher, and MBTA Staff, J. Tabangcura and A. Tojio. Others: VP Kim Uyeda-Young, SSC Noelle Tavares-Sumiye, Teacher Sheena Sumitomo

Absent:

I. CALL TO ORDER	Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (July 2026)	Review of minutes; The August 2025 draft minutes were approved by vote; no opposition was recorded. Motion carried.
III. PARENT AND PUBLIC COMMENT	None
IV. OLD BUSINESS	None
V. NEW BUSINESS A. Financial Report A. Presentation – Japan Study Abroad Proposal	A. Financial Report – A. Deutscher presented details relevant to upcoming school year regarding staffing and general budget B. Proposed Trip to Japan – Presentation by (VP Kim Uyeda-Young, SSC Noelle Tavares-Sumiye, Teacher Sheena Sumitomo) Dates: March 13 – 20, 2026 Participants: Japanese & Korean Language Students (7 total) Purpose: Provide students with an educational experience that enriches global awareness, language

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	skills, and cultural understanding—key components of MBTA’s 21st-century learning framework. Request to Governing Board Subsidy Requested: \$26,000 Allocation: \$2,000 per student for 7 students = \$14,000 100% of costs for 3 chaperones = \$12,000 Purpose: Reduce financial burden on families while ensuring qualified chaperone support. Impact: Families pay only \$2,000 per student (half the total cost), while chaperones’ travel is fully covered. This ensures equity, safety, and access to a high-quality global learning opportunity.
VI. OTHER BUSINESS PRINCIPAL REPORT (ORAL)	Principal Oshiro oral report topic highlights: - The unexpected passing of our secondary English teacher, Aimee Takaki, has greatly impacted the entire school. Members of the Crisis Center provided support to current students, graduates, staff and family in-person in Room 201, and virtually via Zoom for a few days. Other staff members have taken over Ms. Takaki’s courses and club advisorship, as we begin the process of interviewing for a new teacher. - A Celebration of Life will be held before the end of the year on campus and streamed live to only MBTA families who RSVP to a Google Form. - A proposal to create a scholarship and/or provide a donation in her memory was discussed. Motion moved by J. Yukitomo and seconded by J. Waterhouse. M. Thompson: Discussed impacts of Ms Takaki to the students, school, and community, and expressed interest in participating in upcoming events to honor her and donations to the scholarship fund.
VII. ADJOURNMENT	Adjournment at 6:00pm; Move to adjourn, seconded, all attendees voted aye, no opposition, motion carried.