director, but Chief Operating Officer Christianna Herrera didn't think she should drive it because the board functions as her boss. They discussed setting up a candidate forum including pre-written questions, an information packet, and voting over one to two days with ballots put into a lockbox monitored by two people at a time in shifts. Board member Melanie Strop was directed to review the bylaws so that an election could be held sometime in April.

Highlights

The following items were highlighted at the board meeting:

- The board unanimously approved the formation of a work group to look into teacher compensation.
- During public comment, an MA parent asked if the school board would be expanded with two new board members as had been mentioned by former Executive Director Don Griffin. McWilliams did not recall that discussion.

- Asked about the current enrollment numbers of 21 students for ninth grade, McWilliams said that MA had just started marketing and that he expects to see a big boost in June and July as MA's open enrollment extends to that timeframe.
- Herrera provided a 90-day report, reviewing the history of MA, expressing gratitude for parents and teachers, and noting that MA's relationship with D38 is critical.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 12 in Lab 312 at 1150 Village Ridge Point. The MA School Board usually meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Information on the MA School Board, including schedule, minutes, committee and finances, can be found at http://www.monumentacademy.net/schoolboard.

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