

Goodwater Montessori Public Charter School

Goodwater Montessori Board Meeting Agenda

DATE: Tue August 24th, 2021

TIME: 6:30pm - 7:30pm CDT

LOCATION: 710 Stadium Drive, Georgetown, TX 78626

GROUPS: Board, Board Support Staff

Items will not necessarily be discussed or considered in the order they are printed on the agenda below. If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in an executive or closed session, the Board will convene in such executive or closed session as permitted by and in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

1. **Call To Order**

Expected to be in attendance: Carl Illig, Mary Evelyn Bowling, Christopher Hinds, Montique Chance, Jan MacWatters, and Suzanne Robinson. The following staff is expected to be in attendance: Dr. Bruce Tabor, Marcy Steward, Iana Phillips, Kim Hodges, Alma Lahmon, and Kristi Lee.

2. **Public Comments**

Speakers will be allocated 2 minutes for public comments on matters of public concern.

3. **Consent Agenda**

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- a. **Minutes from August 14, 2021**
 - b. **Minutes from July 27, 2021**

4. **Discussion and Action Items**

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- a. **Superintendent/CEO Report**
 - b. **Discussion and Consideration: Mask Mandate**
 - c. **Discussion and Consideration: Adoption of FY21 Final Budget Amendment**

- d. **Discussion and Consideration: Adoption of FY22 Initial Budget**
- e. **Discussion and Consideration: TEKS EMAT Allotment & Certification Amendment**

5. **Closed Session**

Per Texas Government Code section §551.074 to discuss Personnel matters and/or
Per Texas Government Code section §551.071 for a consultation with the school
attorney and/or Per Texas Government Code section 551.072 to discuss Real
Property.

6. **Announce Resolution(s) from Closed Session**

7. **Consideration of Agenda Items for the Next Meeting**

8. **Announce Date and Time of Next Board Meeting**

9. **Adjourn**



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Superintendent Report 08/24/2021

To the students of Goodwater Montessori School welcome back. It is wonderful to see students back in school again. As I talked to students this week it is so gratifying to hear from them that they are glad to be back and are looking forward to seeing their friends and learning again.

I would like to thank all of our staff and parents for everything you are doing for the students at Goodwater. Our staff is doing incredible things in the communities to assist our students in getting acclimated to their communities again. They are providing an environment of not only learning but are also assisting students who have been out of school for over a year and a half. They are also assisting our new students as they transition from either homeschooling or coming to us from traditional school environments. I cannot say enough about our committed staff.

I also would like to thank our parents and caregivers for the cooperation you have provided as well. Your assistance in helping get the students through our car lines both in the morning and afternoon is appreciated. Your patience as we work through modifications and enhancements allows us to continue to look for ways to improve our school processes. We appreciate your suggestions and feedback on how we can improve support for the students at Goodwater Montessori School

Thank you all.

ENROLLMENT

1. Enrollment for next fall currently stands at 380. We have had a number of students who decided to attend other schools. We will be adding students from our waitlist to get us back to our capacity of 415. Our attendance percentage for the first week of school was 89% and our lost funding was \$11,500.

COVID UPDATE

1. As of Friday, Aug 20, 2021 we have had no confirmed COVID cases.
2. We continue to monitor the legal situation that is currently being conducted in Texas courts. As new information becomes available we will update parents and caregivers. We are hopeful that a final resolution will be forthcoming soon.
3. We sent out a survey on Friday for parents who wish their students to wear masks at the school. Our guides will provide support to students who are not wearing their masks correctly. They will also be sending communications to parents and caregivers for additional support from home when students repeatedly have issues wearing their masks correctly. Please remember that staff cannot require any students to wear their masks.
4. We will continue with the safety protocols that were established last year and any newly updated guidance from WCCHD. These include:
 - a. Hand sanitizing stations at each entrance to the school
 - b. Hand sanitizer in each classroom
 - c. Electrostatic sprayers to disinfect the classrooms
 - d. Rapid testing availability for students and staff who may have symptoms
 - e. Air purifiers in each classroom
 - f. Custodian on staff
 - g. Nightly cleaning of the school
5. Students who come in close contact and/or who have confirmed diagnosis (must have a doctor's written confirmation) of COVID will be provided remote conferencing under the following conditions.
 - a. Students who have been diagnosed with COVID, or who have close contact as outlined by TEA can be provided with Remote Conferencing under the following conditions as outlined below:

These two requirements must be met:

- The student is unable to attend school because of a temporary medical condition.
- The total amount of remote conferencing instruction does not exceed more than 20 instructional days over the entirety of the school year.

In addition, one of the following requirements also must be met:

- The student's temporary medical condition is documented by a physician licensed to practice in the United States. The documentation must include a statement from the physician that the student is to remain confined to their home or to a hospital.
- The student has a positive test result for a communicable condition listed in [25 TAC §97.7](#).
- The student has been identified as having been in close contact with COVID-19.

If the documented temporary medical condition persists longer than 20 instructional days over the entirety of the school year, a waiver request must be submitted for an extension of remote conferencing beyond the allowable cumulative 20 instructional day period. The waiver request must include an explanation of the circumstances. (For example, a child was in close contact with COVID-19 more than twice over the course of the year, and the family opted to follow the stay-at-home recommendations each time). Waivers will be granted on a case-by-case basis. A waiver will not be granted if the student is unable to attend school for a reason other than a medical condition, such as confinement at home for disciplinary reasons.

ACADEMICS

1. Beginning this week we will be conducting meetings with parents to discuss our Accelerated Learning Program. This program is designed to assist students who did not meet the minimum standards on the STAAR assessment last spring.
2. To expedite this process we will be providing both in-person and Zoom conferences to meet the needs of our parents and caregivers. We would appreciate your cooperation. This accelerated learning program is required by the Texas Education Agency for all public school students in Texas. If you have questions regarding Remote Conferencing please join us for a Zoom conference call on Wednesday, Aug 25, 2021 at 12:00 noon.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87314064521?pwd=THljcE0NysxeEtUMTdMWXp6RE9HZz09>

COFFEE WITH DR. BRUCE

Our next coffee with Dr. Bruce will be on September 14 at 9:30 am. Until Williamson County moves to Green and to minimize visitors at our school we will utilize Zoom for this conversation. The link for this conversation is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89026685481?pwd=Zi9Ra3ErUG80OGFYR0VWS3FBUDg1QT09>

We are excited about the return of our students to on-campus instruction and look forward to the 2021-2022 school year. We will continue to provide safeguards for our students and staff. We appreciate all of your support.

This concludes my report.

Kindest Regards,

Dr. Bruce