



Williamson County Montessori Partners
Board Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2018

Mission: To provide an exceptional Montessori Education to all children and their families, encouraging a lifelong love of learning and active participation in their communities.

Vision: To develop conscientious citizens who approach their world with confidence, creativity and collaboration.

1. Establishment of Quorum, Call to order: (5 minutes)

In attendance: Kate McSpadden, Mary Evelyn Bowling, Kimber Fucello, Mickell Moss & Carl Illig.

In attendance: Nancy Gribble –Tay, Marcy Steward & Alessandra Abel. Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Montique Chance joined at 7:00 p.m. Christi joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

2. Public Comments: (10 minutes)

Speakers may have up to 3 minutes each and shall sign in 5 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Nisha Coffey: Parent & Staff member. Discussing School Safety. Spoke with Mark Cortinas about cameras. Introduced “Ring” doorbell recording system that saves to cloud. There is a minimal monthly fee that she is willing to donate. This could help with late meetings and aftercare pickup and traffic reduction. Nisha has been checking doors since school began. She shared that doors sometimes appear closed but aren’t secure. She has collected data about opened doors for the first week. She suggests that doors be repaired and all staff be provided keys to exterior doors.

Norm Copperini: Norm echoed Nisha’s suggestions that the exterior doors be repaired and remain locked, as a default. He shared that some interior doors also do not lock properly. He suggests that the doors lock by default. Norm wants to know how he can help.

3. Review and approve minutes of previous meeting (s): (5 minutes)

Mickell moved that we approve the July minutes as written. Carl seconded, all approved. Motion was approved 5 to 0.

Mickell made a motion that we approve the August 7th minutes as written. Carl seconded. Kimber abstained. Motion was approved: 4 to 0.

4. Reports: (30 minutes)

A. Review Head of School report: Nancy Gribble-Tay

No additional comments. NCMPS will make 3 visits this coming school year.

B. Review Business Operations report: Marcy Steward

No additional comments.

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- C. Review Registrar Report: Christi Cowden
Christi updated the report to indicate that we currently have 351 students.
- D. Review Community Engagement report: Montique Chance
No additional comments.

4. Discussion and Action Items: (30 minutes)

- A. Review & Approve: Update to the Board Governance Policy 200.040 Board Operating Procedures
Kate reviewed the suggested policy that Goodwater have one board member that is also a parent. Carl moved that we approve the update of the Board Governance policy 200.040. Kimber seconded, all approved. Motion passed: 5 to 0.
- B. Review & Approve: Board of Directors candidate questionnaire
Kimber moved that we approve the Board Candidate questionnaire. Mickell Seconded. All approved. Motion passed 5 to 0.
- C. Review & Approve: Final Budget Amendment 2017-2018
Kate moved that we approve the amended budget for 2017-2018. Kimber seconded. All approved. Motion passed 5 to 0.
- D. Review & Approve: 2018-2019 Budget
Marcy shared that this is a preliminary budget. We will be reviewing it again in October. Lunch numbers are very fluid now. Marcy will know more at the end of the week. Carl moved that we approve the initial 2018-2019 budget. Mickell seconded, all approved. Motion passed 5 to 0.
- E. Review & Approve: FSP Accelerated Payment
Marcy shared the pros and cons of accelerating the FSP payments.
Kimber made a motion to approve accelerated FSP payments. Mary Evelyn seconded. All approved. Motion passed 5 to 0.
- F. Discussion: Goodwater Accountability Rating
Nancy shared our rating from TEA. We are rated “IR” Improvement required. Nancy has contacted TEA regarding the immediate steps and plan to reach the next level. We will develop a plan with TEA. Our TIP (Target Improvement Plan) is due the end of September. Nancy shared that she spoke with TEA about appealing the rating. We need to investigate the grounds upon which, we can appeal. Nancy shared Goodwater’s improvement plan that developed prior to our receipt of the TEA, “IR” rating. There was some discussion regarding best path forward. Kate reminded the Board that the this rating is only one measurement in Montessori education.
- G. Discussion: 2018-2019 Draft Fundraising Plan
Parents involved in the previous year aren’t available to chair fundraising committee. Kate shared that she plans to chair that committee. She reviewed her draft fundraising plan.

5. Adjourn:

Mickell moved to adjourn, Kimber seconded. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.