



Williamson County Montessori Partners  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 19, 2019

**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. In Attendance, Establishment of Quorum, Call to order: (5 minutes)

In attendance: Kate McSpadden, Mary Evelyn Bowling, Carl Illig, Kimber Fucello, Mark Cortinas. Staff in attendance: Dr. Bruce Tabor, Marcy Steward, Christi Cowden, and Alessandra Abel. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 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. Amber Hinds introduced herself and her children. She expressed her frustration with the guide situation in one of the classrooms.

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

Kimber moved to approve. Carl seconded and all approved the minutes from 1/22/19 board meeting. Carl moved to approve. Kimber seconded and all approved the minutes from 1/30/19 board meeting. Mark moved to approve. Kimber seconded and all approved the minutes from 2/4/29 meeting as edited.

4. Reports: (10 minutes)

A. Review Treasurer's report: Marcy Steward

Marcy added no new information.

B. Review Business Operations report: Marcy Steward

There was discussion about the \$93,000 property tax bill we had to pay. Carl spoke with legal counsel. Dr. Bruce has spoken with TEA. We will have a committee meeting to discuss potential paths forward. Dr. Bruce & Marcy will determine a time.

C. Review Interim Head of School report: Dr. Bruce Tabor

Dr. Bruce introduced Kollette Kee and Katie Hansen, two new staff that have joined us. Kollette and Katie both gave brief summaries of their professional backgrounds. Dr. Bruce walked us through the new Core Team Org chart.

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He reviewed the Strategic Plan outline. Dr. Bruce emphasized that we will get away from using the word “test” and use the word “assessment” as it relates to STAAR and other benchmarks. Our focus will be on getting out of IR this school year.

He indicated that we need to greatly increase parent involvement. He will begin creating committees to address school needs. Some of the committees are: School Improvement, Safety, Technology, and Fundraising.

Alex presented the Benchmark Tracker results. She explained the data on the spreadsheet and the path forward towards the next assessment. Dr. Bruce will hold an open house this Saturday at 3:00. Parents can come and he will explain the process and data.

D. Review Admission and Communications Report: Christi Cowden

Christie stated that we have 332 applications, 19 days into the admissions cycle. Half of these applications are Pre-k.

Christie presented a draft calendar for next year. We are over the TEA required days and hours for next year. We will need to approve the calendar next month.

#### 5. Discussion and Action Items: (30 minutes)

A. Discussion: School Safety Committee

Carl stated that we have doors that function. Dr. Bruce has contacted the Georgetown Police regarding a plan for our school safety. Denise Pierce has offered a Sample Safety plan that we can modify if we wish.

B. Discussion: Facilities

Marcy shared her conversations with the developer regarding the rooftop drains.

C. Discussion: Board Member Insurance

Kimber & Marcy are working on this. We should have something to approve next month.

D. Discussion: Fundraising

Kate shared that we are over \$ 10,000. Carl and WD Kelly have offered a \$30,000 matching grant.

E. Head of School Recruitment

Kate walked us through the plan that has been developed.

Next Board meeting will be changed to 3/20/19 instead of 3/19/19.

We need to add time and location to agenda template.

F. Closed session per Texas Government Code section §551.074 to discuss and make decision on Personnel Matters. No closed session.

#### 9. Adjourn:

Carl moved that we adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Kimber seconded. All approved.

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