



Williamson County Montessori Partners
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 20, 2019 6:30pm
Goodwater Montessori School Conference Room

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 Fuccello, Mark Cortinas. Staff in attendance: Dr. Bruce Tabor, Marcy Steward, Christi Cowden, and Alessandra Abel. Kate called the meeting to order at 6:33 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. No comments.

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

Carl moved, that we approve the minutes as corrected. Mark seconded. Passed 5/0.

4. Reports: (10 minutes)

A. Review Treasurer's report: Marcy Steward

No FSP change.

We are over budget about \$60,000 due to taxes, legal expenses etc... will need to access line of credit. Raise Craze was amazing. We had an anonymous gift of \$8,000 and a matching gift from W.D. Kelley Foundation.

B. Review Business Operations report: Marcy Steward

On-site Montessori training for next year has been cancelled due to minimal interest by one of the three area schools.

The last door will be repaired tomorrow.

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

Dr. Tabor reviewed the progress we have made in the three phase plan he presented last month.

Dr. Tabor provided a School Safety update. It will also be discussed and practiced at the staff meeting on 4/22.

Dr. Tabor shared that he is involved in all Sped and 504 meetings now.

He is drafting/updating related policies and procedures.

The WilCo Montessori Partners Board of Directors adheres to Open Meetings statutes as dictated by Texas Government Code Title S, Subtitle A, Chapter 551.

D. Review Admission and Communications Report: Christi Cowden

Final registration numbers are dynamic. We have 450 applications, currently. Attendance is down this month because of Spring Break.

5. Discussion and Action Items: (30 minutes)

A. Discussion: School Safety Committee

No additional discussion.

B. Discussion: Facilities

No additional discussion.

C. Discussion & Approval: Board Member Insurance

In discussions with Wortham, currently. A representative is coming tomorrow. We will discuss further next month.

D. Discussion & Approval: 2019-2020 School Calendar

Kimber moved, Carl seconded to approve the school calendar as is. Passed 5/0.

E. Discussion: Fundraising

We did reach our \$60,000 Raise Craze goal!

F. Discussion: Head of School Recruitment

The committee met today. Ads are opened until the end of next week. We have some responses currently. Kate reviewed the interview process.

G. Discussion and action for Elementary Training through Montessori

Institute of North Texas. Discussion Tabled.

H. Discussion and action Budget Amendment

Marcy reviewed the Budget amendment document with the Board. The original budget was developed in August. The updated budget reflects some necessary changes that have been made throughout the year. Kimber moved and Mark seconded that we approve the amended budget. All approved.

I. Discussion and action Fiscal Manual

Marcy has been working on the development of the manual. It will involve Board approval of policies. These will be ready next month. The item was Tabled.

J. Discussion and action Allotment & TEKS Certification

Tabled until next month.

9. Adjourn:

Mary Evelyn moved and Kimber seconded that we adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. All approved.