



Williamson County Montessori Partners
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 21, 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 and Mark Cortinas. Staff in attendance: Dr. Bruce Tabor, Marcy Steward, Christi Cowden, and Alessandra Abel. Meeting was called to order at 6:41 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)

4/16/19 minutes.

Carl moved, Mary Evelyn seconded. All approved. motion passed 4 to 0

4/22/19 minutes.

Carl moved, Mary Evelyn seconded. All approved. motion passed 4 to 0

4. Reports: (10 minutes)

A. Review Treasurer's report: Marcy Steward

Marcy provided explanation for some items on her report.

B. Review Business Operations report: Marcy Steward

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

Bruce reviewed the facilities development plan with the board.

He also shared some training that staff have participated in regarding parent education for families that are new to Montessori.

D. Review Admission and Communications Report: Christi Cowden

We have more than 400 students enrolled for next year.

E. STAAR update: Alessandra Abel

STAAR administration went smoothly last week. The children as well as the Guides felt confident.

Results will be available June 11th. The preliminary practice assessment results are very promising.

5. Discussion and Action Items: (30 minutes)

A. Discussion: Facilities

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

Kate shared the details of the property tax hearing that took place earlier this month. We paid \$93,000 in property taxes earlier in the year. We protested because we are a 501c3. We were granted an exemption! Goodwater is setting a precedent in this area.

- B. Discussion and Action: Budget Amendment
Carl moved to approve the amended budget and Kate seconded, all approved. Motion passed 4 to 0.
- C. Discussion and Action: Board and Staff training
Kate & Bruce shared summer training opportunities for the Board. Some are going to the Summer Summit. We will also have an onsite opportunity this summer.
- D. Discussion and Action: Insurance
Bruce presented the information about insurance. The cost is \$6000 per year.
Mary Evelyn moved, Mark seconded and all approved that secure a School Leadership Policy.
- E. Discussion and Action: To approve Dr. Bruce Tabor as Goodwater Montessori Head of School.
Mary Evelyn moved that we approve Dr. Bruce Tabor as Head of School, Carl seconded and all approved. Motion passed 4 to 0.
- F. Discussion and Action: To approve the employment agreement between Goodwater Montessori School and Dr. Bruce Tabor.
Kate moved that we approve the employment agreement, Carl seconded, all approved.
Motion passed 4 to 0.
- G. Discussion and Action: Change Head of School title to Superintendent/CEO
Kate moved, Carl seconded, all approved. Motion passed 4 to 0.
- H. Discussion and Action: Change Core Admin Team titles to Director of Admissions, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, School Programs Coordinator, SpEd/ ESL Coordinator and Director of Business Operations.
A motion to change Admin team titles from: Director of Admissions and Communications to Director of Admissions and change Dean of Business Operations to Director of Business Operations.
School Programs Coordinator and SpEd/ESL coordinator will be tabled until June because they are new positions.
- I. Closed session per Texas Government Code section §551.074 to discuss Personnel Matters and section § 551.082 to discuss school children
Mark moved and Kate seconded and all approved that we go into closed session at 7:34 p.m.

6. Adjourn:

Mark moved, Carl seconded and all approved that we adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.