



Williamson County Montessori Partners
Board Meeting Minutes
March 6th, 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. In Attendance, Establishment of Quorum, Call to order: (5 minutes)

In attendance: Kate McSpadden, Mary Evelyn Bowling, Mickell Moss, Carl Illig, and Charlene Burgess. Staff in attendance: Nancy Gribble –Tay, Marcy Steward, Christi Cowden, Montique Chance. Meeting opened 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.

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

Change the word “agenda” to “minutes”. Carl Moved. Mickell seconded. All approved.

4. Reports: (30 minutes)

A. Review Treasurer’s report: Kate McSpadden

Carl indicated that we received about \$2800 from Amplify Austin. Not sure how that will be matched, but it will be somehow.

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

SPED teacher, Kristin, spoke about STAAR practice results. Students did well, especially in 3rd grade. Nancy’s TEA mentor helped them develop a plan for increasing results for the actual test. We are focusing on the students that are just below passing. 5th and 8th grades are high stakes years. So we will really focus on 5th reading and math.

Nancy indicated that they learned a few things to do differently in the school safety drill.

Super schedule for SPED is going well. It ends at Spring Break. Then we will focus on testing.

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C. Review Business Operations report: Marcy Steward

Marcy met with JR3, yesterday. She had to pull some information from them that should have been delivered.

We raised \$18,000 in a month with Raise Craze, in one month.

Marcy indicated that there are some funds available through the CSP grant that we didn't think were available. So, the budget looks a bit better than it did last month. We still need to raise money, but not as much.

There was some discussion regarding the overall frustration with JR3. We are going to look into making some changes about the way we work with them.

D. Review Registrar Report: Christi Cowden

Christi shared her application report for 2018-2019. Lottery will likely be on 3/27 and we will notify on 3/31. According to TEA, if an eligible 3 or 4 year old student applies, we have to prioritize them.

Attendance percentages are much higher than January. Enrollment has also increased.

E. Review Community Engagement report: Montique Chance

Will attend the Red Poppy Festival on 4/28. This will be spearheaded by the special events with involvement from the students. Community service thank yous and potluck will be together as part of the finale of the Raise Craze campaign.

We developed a new committee for reading support

FROG – Friends of Goodwater, has a chair. Frog will manage all of the committees.

Vision & hearing screening is set. Montique thinks we also have to do Scoliosis screening.

Afterschool income has increased some over the last couple of months.

We discussed moving Board meetings to 3rd Tuesday of the month. We will do a trial for next month for the 3rd Tuesday. We also discussed Michele managing the collection and dissemination of the Board documents. Mary Evelyn is to get with Michele to coordinate this.

5. Discussion and Action Items: (30 minutes)

A. Review & Approve: 2018-2019 School year calendar

Christi reviewed the final calendar. Mary Evelyn moved to approve the calendar. Charlene seconded. All approved.

B. Review & Approve: Amended Budget

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Marcy reviewed the amended budget with the board. Things look much better this month and Marcy indicated that really our issue is more of a cash flow issue. The fundraising number is now \$107,000. Kate moved to approve the amended budget. Mickell seconded. All approved.

C. Discussion: Raise Craze
Raised \$18,000.

D. Discussion: School Safety
Patrick presented a couple of meetings ago and has brought some research regarding staff being able to carry guns in the classroom. Kate took the topic into a broader discussion regarding school safety as a whole.
Kate presented the question to the staff.

E. Discussion: Board Development
Kate distributed some information about National school board committee chairs. Marcy feels that we do need a financial person on the board to serve as a sounding board.

F. Request by Board Members for items to be placed on next month's Agenda.
Next meeting is 4/17/18. Agenda items due made a motion to adjourn. Mickell seconded. All approved.

6. Adjourn:
Mickell moved to adjourn. All approved. Meeting closed at 8:48 p.m.