


# Goodwater Montessori Public Charter School

## Minutes

### October 30th Goodwater Montessori Board Meeting

 Fri October 30th, 2020

 3:30pm - 5:00pm CDT

 Online

#### In Attendance

#### 1. **Call To Order**

Expected in attendance: Carl Illig, Kathy Trullender, Mary Evelyn Bowling, Kimber Fucello and Christopher Hinds. The following staff are expected in attendance: Dr. Bruce Tabor, Marcy Steward, and Michele Morales.

Board members in attendance: Carl Illig, Kathy Trullender, Mary Evelyn Bowling, Kimber Fucello, Christopher Hinds

Staff in attendance: Bruce Tabor, Marcy Steward and Michele Morales

Carl called the meeting to order at 3:34pm. Quorum was established.

#### 2. **Public Comments**

Speakers will be allocated 2 minutes for public comments on matters of public interest.

No public comments

#### 3. **Consent Agenda**

**Decision:** Carl moved to approve items in consent agenda with edits suggested for the Minutes from September 29, 2020. Kathy seconded and all were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

a. **Superintendent/CEO Report**

b. **Admissions Report**

c. **Director of Business Operations**

d. **Minutes from September 29, 2020 Meeting**

Make some edit so the agenda: Add g to Armstron, Dr. Bruce notes change personnel things change 5C - loan

#### 4. **Discussion and Action Items**

Dr. Bruce discussed some item in his report. He discussed the safety protocols and the WCCHD conference call every other Thursday and he talked about the WCCHD report.

He discussed the MAP assessment that will be done in November. RTI will begin after those results have been analyzed.

He discussed the committees. The first committee meeting will be the Safety Committee meeting. He will also start the "Coffee Chats with Dr. Bruce" again monthly.

##### a. **Employee Handbook**

Kimber discussed some of the typos in the Handbook.

**Decision:** Chris Hinds moved to approve the Employee Handbook with the caveat that Dr. Bruce has the authority to make edits to the typos but not to content. Kimber seconded and all approved. Motion passed 5/0.

##### b. **Special Education Policies**

Denise Pierce discussed TEA's request that all LEA's adopt their Sped policies and related procedures by October 31st. The purpose of these policies is to require each school district and charter school to accept any and all students within their boundaries that request Sped services. The Child Find duty is to identify, locate and serve within their geographic boundaries any student that has a disability. School should be aggressive in promoting their Child Find duties. Goodwater as a charter school needs to be aggressive as well. She encourages Goodwater to adopt the Child Find policy as stated.

Clarification on 6.4? Auditory Policy was discussed. She recommends that we approve and follow these policies in order to serve the special education students.

Chris had some questions related to disciplinary actions related to suspension periods. Denise discussed the reasons behind this policy. Dr. Bruce discussed the suspension policy and how Goodwater implements it.

**Decision:** Kathy moved to adopt the SPED policies as stated by everyone here. Kimber seconded and all approved. Motion passed 5/0.

##### c. **COVID-19 Rapid Testing Pilot Program For Texas School Systems**

Discussion and possible action as to if the school should apply for this program.

Dr. Bruce discussed the COVID-19 Rapid Testing Pilot Program For Texas School Systems. He thinks it is a good program and based on school size we would get about 80 tests each month. We do have to have copious amounts of paper work, but that should not be a problem. We will also receive additional PPE

equipment. Two people will need to be certified to be in charge of this.

**Decision:** Kathy moved to approve the COVID-19 Rapid Testing Pilot Program For Texas School Systems. Chris seconded and all were in favor. Motion passed 5/0,

d. **Student Admissions Plan**

Bruce discussed the student admissions. He talked about the waitlist and the spaces available. He discussed how remote and in-person spots are filled. He also discussed how we will do a marketing plan for the upper elementary and adolescent students..

He talked about student's daily attendance.

e. **Budget Amendment**

Marcy discussed the Budget Amendment and what the increases/decreases in certain numbers mean. She discussed expenses.

Raise Craze was discussed as well as other fundraising opportunities and donations.

**Decision:** Kathy made the motion to approve the Budget Amendment as Marcy presented. Kimber seconded and all were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

f. **PPP Loan**

Marcy discussed the PPP Loan. We submitted for forgiveness and received information from Live Oaks that the loan is forgiven. SBA has up to 8 weeks to give official forgiveness, but it's in writing that we will have complete forgiveness of the PPP loan.

Questions about PPP loan were discussed.

g. **New Board Member Election**

Carl discussed the new board member election and mentioned that the board had interviewed 2 candidates as new board members: Jan MacWatters and Montique Chance.

**Decision:** Kathy moved to approve the new board members: Jan MacWatters and Montique Chance. Carl seconded and all were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.

5. **Closed Session**

Per Texas Government Code section §551.074 to discuss Personnel matters and/or Per Texas Government Code section §551.071 for a consultation with the school attorney.

There was not closed session

6. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Discussions in Closed Session**

7. **Announce Date and Time of Next Board Meeting**

8. **Adjourn**

**Decision:** Carl moved to adjourn at 4:43pm. Kimber seconded and all were in favor. Motion passed 5/0.