



Williamson County Montessori Partners Board Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, October 22, 2019
6:30pm, Goodwater Montessori School Roadrunner Community

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: Kathy Trullender, Mary Evelyn Bowling, Carl Illig, Kimber Fucello and Mark Cortinas. Staff in attendance: Dr. Bruce Tabor, Marcy Steward, Christi Cowden, Alessandra Abel, and Michele Morales.

Kathy called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

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.

There were no public comments

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

There were minor changes to the previous minutes. In Section 3 corrected to “two abstained”.

Mary Evelyn moved to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2019 Board meeting with the minor changes discussed. Carl seconded and all were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

4. Reports: (10 minutes)

- A. Review Financial and Business Operations Reports: Marcy Steward
- B. Review Superintendent/CEO report: Dr. Bruce Tabor
- C. Review Admissions Report: Christi Cowden
- D. Review Curriculum and Instruction Report: Alessandra Abel

Due to new legislation contained in HB 2840 Open Meeting Act, the public was not provided the proper notification and the reports were not provided.

5. Discussion and Action Items: (30 minutes)

- A. Discussion and Action: Policy 500.020

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

Kathy discussed the changes done to the Policy 500.020. She talked about how in the last legislative session the new rules for the Texas Open Meetings Act were done to provide the public with more transparency and ability to comment on agenda items. She discussed in detail Section 6 which was changed to be in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. This section pertains to the Board Meeting Discussions which state that members of the public are permitted to comment on agenda items before or during each item according to the following stipulations:

1. Comments will be made during the “Public Comments” portion of the agenda. Individuals must sign-in on a provided sign-in sheet no later than five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled meeting time.
2. Comments pertain solely to a specified agenda item.
3. Members of the public state the agenda item(s) to which their comments apply.
4. Each person’s comments are limited to three (3) minutes.
5. Any time not utilized by a speaker will be lost and is not transferable to another speaker.

Kathy mentioned the other changes made to the policy. She changed the address from 700 Stadium Dr to 710 Stadium Dr and moved the board meeting from the 1st Tuesday of every month to the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Carl moved to approve the Policy 500.020 as shown in final version. Kimber seconded, and all were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

B. Discussion and Action: Policy 400.130

Marcy discussed that the Policy 400.130 is a requirement for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). She mentioned that it is a non-TCSA policy. Heather and Dr. Bruce took different policies and customized them to Goodwater. The NSLP requires that the Board approve this policy. Dr. Bruce formatted it to fit out other policies and created the policy number 400.130 as it does not exist within the TCSA policies.

A couple of changes were recommended: Remove TCSA Copyright on page 1 and page 2. Eliminate page 3, and change 4000.130 to 400.130. A little bit of re-formatting is needed as well.

Kimber moved to approve the Policy 400.130 with the changes stated. Mark seconded and all were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

C. Discussion and Action: Resolution to approve Paul J. Christensen & Associates as the auditor for 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.

Marcy discussed the resolution to approve Paul J. Christensen & Associates as the auditor for the 2018-2018 Fiscal Year. These are the same auditors we used last year. She mentioned that they did a good job. She also mentioned that we do have an engagement letter from them, but we cannot sign until the Board has approved them as auditors.

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Kathy moved to approve Paul J. Christensen & Associates as auditors for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. Carl moved and all were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

D. Discussion: Facility expansion and financing

Dr. Bruce discussed the future expansion of the school. There have been several meetings in the past two months discussing the expansion. Dr Bruce recommends we wait one more year before we expand to give us more time to improve on our report card and have more stability. We need to have better numbers before we expand. He wants us to keep our population as is right now. The budget is in line, so we know exactly where the money is and where it is going. We feel very confident with our budget. The staff, along with the Director of Curriculum and Instruction is doing a great job working on the Montessori side, and Christie Plemons our RTI/ District Testing Coordinator, is working on state compliance side. Pushing the expansion back a year takes a lot of pressure off of us and allows us to do the expansion the correct way with what we really need.

Kathy discussed the financial aspect of the expansion. Once we know what we need, we might have a prepayment penalty, but we need to discuss and see more details on the financial side of this expansion.

6. Adjourn:

Mark moved to adjourn at 6:48pm. Kimber seconded and all were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.