

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School

Board of Trustees Official Minutes

May 26, 2022

Board Members Present

Tom Hockensmith, Chair
Rose Thornberry, Vice Chair
Traci Elligson, Secretary
Becky Uppercue, Board Treasurer
Ashley Utermahlen

Missing

Diana Williams

Others Present

Faye Pleso
Christine Kirkpatrick
Nicole Wilt
Jesse Bean-Charter Choices

Public

Jason Officer (Parent)

Call to Order

Tom Hockensmith called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm. All information regarding public access to the Zoom meeting was advertised in the Gettysburg Times. Introductions were made for attendees.

Public Comment on Agenda

None

Old Business

None

Administrator's Report

- Enrollment: 261
- Enrollment is 281 for 2022-2023
- 2022-2023 5/6th grade openings, other grades have waitlists
- Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)
 - 40% of families qualify for free/reduced lunch program
- Dr. Ann Clarke, CEO of Coalition of Public Charter Schools in PA, visited GMCS
- Dr. Faye Pleso will be joining PCPCS Leadership Council next month
- Acadience- Chris Kirkpatrick
 - 1st and 2nd grade increased scores in all tested subjects
 - 5th grade reading was 87%
 - 5th grade math was increased by 68% finishing at 78%
- Summer School-Chris Kirkpatrick
 - Offered for 2 weeks in July
 - 73 students thus far are enrolled
 - Themes
 - Under the sea
 - Shark Week
- Helping Hands-Nicole Wilt
 - Field Day
 - Agreed by staff and students to have been the best one so far!
 - Animals brought to event
 - Cat, pony, baby pigs
 - Graduations today
 - 6th graders walked in Kindergartners
 - Fundraising
 - Yearbook
 - \$648 profit for fundraiser
 - SPCA
 - 2 full boxes donated by GMCS
 - Total for 21-22 school year
 - \$14,306 profit

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve made by Ashley Utermahlen, seconded by Traci Elligson. All agreed; approved.

Chair Report

- Surveys to be sent out again to help increase participation
- Email Sunshine Act to Board (reminder)

Finance-Jessie Bean

- April Finances
 - Cash of 1.2 million
 - 107 days of cash on hand
- ESSER III (ARP) funds were applied for expenses in FY22
- Enrollment holds steady at roughly 260 with 280+ pre-enrolled for FY22-23
- GMCS shows a modest surplus, as of April 30, 2022, of \$96K
- Retention of staff options
 - Use surplus to accommodate
 - Bonus vs raises
 - Complete salary study
- Budget
 - Review FY22-23-to be approved by June 30, 2022
 - Post to website

Governance Committee

- Currently interviewing 8 candidates for 2 positions
- Recommendations in June

New business: For the good of the order

none

Public Comment

- Jason Officer:
 - Any update on 7/8th grade?
 - Faye Pleso: GMCS is collecting data
 - Safety concerns regarding recent school shooting
 - Faye Pleso:
 - All doors stay locked
 - Walkies/Intercom/Teacher observations
 - Threat assessment team meets regularly
 - Staff training yearly
 - Thank you to the Board

Adjourned at 7:42pm