

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School

Board of Trustees Official Minutes

February 24, 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 Fitzpatrick

Nicole Wilt

Jesse Bean

Public

Jason Officer (Parent)

Call to Order

Tom Hockensmith called the meeting to order at 6:03 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: 260
- Health and Safety Plan
 - Reviewed by Adrian Kavanaugh, RN, school website will be updated
 - Changes include minor clarifications
 - Masks remain optional
 - Continue in-person learning
 - Motion to approve made by Tom Hockensmith, seconded by Traci Elligson. All agreed; approved.
- Promotion
 - Danielle Spencer from PCA to 1/2 Teachers Assistant
 - Start 2/7/2022, \$17/hr under 30 hours per week
 - Motion to approve made by Ashley Utermahlen, seconded by Becky Uppercue.
 - All agreed; approved.
- Significant Disproportionality 2021/2022
 - High number of special needs in Speech and Language
 - last year \$7,400 compared to this year \$7,035
 - Funding mostly spent on special needs training
 - Will update school website
- After-school tutoring
 - ESSER II funds financed
 - Began 2/1/22, Tues/Thurs 3:30-4:30pm
 - 11 students
 - Started by email and newsletter to parents
 - Tom: Can we send out more information to recruit more students?
 - Nicole: We can put it in school newsletter, announcements, and a flier to parents.
 - Tom: Is transportation a possible barrier to attending?
 - Nicole: Possibly, most of the participants are car riders.
- 5/6 Acadience Scores (were scheduled during quarantine week)
 - Math composite score was 19%, now at 53%
 - Computation was 22%, now 50%
 - Concepts/Applications was 30%, now 55%
 - Looked at deficits and will update with suggestions to help kids improve
- Kindergarten Open House
 - 2/2/22 with 17 families
 - 2/16/22 with 14 families
 - Feedback showed enthusiasm from parents
- 5/6 Transition Night
 - 19 families
 - 4 former students presented
 - 4 schools attended and spoke, 1 school supplied information
 - 6 community organizations, 1 supplied information
 - Feedback requested more schools and community organization participation

- Helping Hands
 - 6th graders T-shirt sales \$400
 - Coffee fundraiser \$495 profit
 - Spirit store, extended sales until 2/28/22
 - Gertrude Hawkins fundraiser \$ 2,467 online
 - Yearbooks on sale March-April
 - 6th grade committee doing a great job with yearbooks
 - Hersheypark tickets on sale
 - Reading Across America
 - Dubbs Parents Night Out, so far 25 students participating
- Science Fair March 16th 4pm-6pm will be judged by The New Oxford Chamber of Commerce
March 17th 4pm-7pm parents can come to see the projects

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve made by Becky Uppercue , seconded by Tom Hockensmith. All agreed; approved.

Chair Report

- SOFI forms due by April from Board Members
- Meetings being held by Zoom due to safety concerns regarding Covid-19
 - March meeting to be held in Zoom
 - April meeting to be determined
- Parent surveys are being prepared and sent out
- Trauma Informed Training to be completed by all Board members by May 2021
- **Finance:** Jesse Bean As of 1/31/22
 - Cash over \$1 million on hand, slight increase month
 - Principle and interest payment phase of construction loan
 - \$203K ESSER III funds to come later this spring
 - Expecting federal funding revenues
 - Local revenue about \$118K above
 - Expenses about \$160K over
 - Surplus about \$41K
 - Budget holding fine
 - Charter School Grant
 - Intended for creation, replication, and expansion
 - Completed year 1 of 7 year grant
 - Up to \$1.5 million to help
 - Faye attended a webinar to help possibility of expanding and adding 7th and 8th grade to GMCS
 - GMCS start writing grant and will meet with Charter Choices to see if feasible

Governance Committee

- Formally opened applications, due by May 27th, 2022
Fliers sent home with kids and posted on school website and Facebook pages
Several parents have already asked questions and inquired

New business: For the good of the order

None

Public Comment

None

Adjourned at 6:44 pm