

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School

Board of Trustees Official Minutes

March 23, 2023

Board Members Present

Tom Hockensmith, Chair

Rose Thornberry, Vice Chair

Missing

Becky Uppercue

Traci Elligson

Amy Brown

Others Present

Faye Pleso

Tammy Hogan

Deana Gondor

Elena King

Christine Callahan (A Place to Grow)

Public

Jason Officer-Parent

Ron Arbogast

Call to Order

Tom Hockensmith called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm. Introductions were made for attendees.

Public Comment on Agenda

None

Old Business

None

Administrator's Report

- Enrollment
 - Currently 278
 - Planning to hold lottery for K, maybe 1/2
- After school care
 - 4H
 - Unable to get staffing
 - Good News Club
 - Next month
 - A Place to Grow
 - After school, looking to start summer care
 - Presented video for board meeting
 - Handouts given
 - Current
 - Snacks, curriculum
 - For profit, assistance is available
 - CCIS- income based program for child care vouchers
 - Runs until 6pm
 - Staff/student ratio
 - 1 to 12
 - Staff on site
 - Follows DHA guidelines
 - Rates
 - Full time \$80
 - Part time & sibling rate available
 - Minimum sign up
 - 15 families
 - Max sign up
 - 36 families
 - Half days
 - School's decision
 - Would work on schedule
 - Currently working with other local schools
 - Vida
 - 23 max of 24)
 - St. Francis
 - 18 max of 20)
 - St. Teresa (Mc Sherrystown)

- Harmony SEL
 - Postponed until next month
- Helping Hands
 - Yearbook
 - Due April 17th
 - Hersheypark
 - Due April 7th
 - Skate Night
 - April 6th
 - Book Fair
 - April 17-21st
 - Talent Show
 - Next Friday

Consent Agenda

- Postponed until next month

Chair Report

- Parent/Board member surveys
- SOFI reminder to all Board members due by April 1st

Finance-Rose

- Budget discussions are on going
- Staff retention goals
- Grants
 - Playground
 - Fencing
- Charter School funding
 - Post information, maybe on school website (work with Nikki)

Governance Committee

- Postpone swearing in for Elana King for April meeting

New business: For the good of the order

none

Public Comment

- Ron Arbogast-coordinating building a forest in Abbottstown
 - Share history with students as Hunterstown was first crossroads
 - Native plants-possibly free
 - Discuss with planning committee
 - DCNR contact
 - Meet with Faye Pleso
 - Would need to inquire with Township
 - Waiting for township to complete building sign off
- Harmony SEL
 - Parent asked if presented
 - Holding off while exploring more
 - School counselor curriculum

Adjourned at 6:55pm