

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School

Board of Trustees Official Minutes

October 20, 2022

Board Members Present

Tom Hockensmith, Chair

Rose Thornberry, Vice Chair

Becky Uppercue, Board Treasurer

Amy Brown

Missing

Traci Elligson, Secretary

Others Present

Faye Pleso

Tammy Hogan

Nikki Wilt

Jesse Bean

Public

Jason Officer-parent

Call to Order

Tom Hockensmith called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. Introductions were made for attendees.

Public Comment on Agenda

None

Old Business

None

Administrator's Report

- Enrollment:
 - Currently 277
- Exit surveys
 - Enrolled
 - Close to work
 - Teaching method
 - Montessori
 - Leaving
 - Too Far
 - Large class size
 - Missed friends from home district
 - Mixed grades
 - Exceeded expectation
 - Community feel
 - Communication
 - Better Address
 - Resources for behavioral development
- PA Coalition of Charter Schools
 - Chelsea Rogers and Katie Sauter
 - Presented
 - Sessions attended
 - Legal Planning
 - Strategic Planning
 - Vendors
 - Attorney
 - Employee retention credit
 - Started as for "For Profit" business
 - Researched Public Schools and Charter Schools
 - Scheduling meeting to research
 - Unemployment Compensation group
 - Some money back
 - Teacher Based Team Meetings (TBT)
 - 5 step process
 - Pre -Test
 - Qualitative
 - Differentiated Strategies
 - Discuss and Identify
 - Post-Test
- Homebound Instruction
 - Up to 10 hrs per week starting next week

- Motion to approve made by Tom Hockensmith, seconded by Rose Thornberry. All agreed, approved
- 7th-8th, 9th-12th Parent Survey
 - 218 families
 - 169 completed
 - 84% for 7th and 8th grade
 - 78% for 9th through 12th
 - Meet with Jesse to research feasibility
 - Look at Montessori Charter High School
 - 7/8 can look at amending charter
- Update to activities
 - World Kindness Day
 - Week of 11/14/22
 - 11/15 & 11/15 School Assembly
 - Veteran's Day
 - Week of 11/7/22
 - Flag outside of class
 - Marketing campaign
 - 2,500 sent out in Wave 2
 - Google Ads
 - 40,521 with 185 clicks
 - Facebook
 - Get numbers from Nikki
 - T-shirt sales (open house)
 - \$140
 - Fundraisers
 - Believe Kids
 - Book Fair
 - 10/31-11/4
 - Mobile Ag Lab
 - Mobile classroom
 - 30 STEM lessons
 - Skate Party 11/14
 - Students are paid for

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve made by Becky Uppercue, seconded by Rose Thornberry. All agreed; approved.

Chair Report

- Housekeeping
 - Trainings
 - Trauma informed due by 10/31
 - ACT 55-Amy
- No November Board meeting
- December meeting is earlier in the month
 - 12/15/22
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Finance-Jesse Bean

- \$1.4 million in cash, no real change
- \$200K owed from school districts
- Loan
 - \$3.7 million

Governance Committee

- 2 open board seats
- Interviews are continuing

New business: For the good of the order

- Solar options-Amy provided information related to PA specific programs
 - Generac is largest company that serves businesses and schools
 - Solar panel service and generator

Public Comment

None

Adjourned at 7:10 pm