

# Gettysburg Montessori Charter School

## Board of Trustees Official Minutes

October 19, 2023

### **Board Members Present**

Tom Hockensmith, Chair

Rose Thornberry, Vice Chair

Becky Uppercue

Amy Brown

Elana King

### **Missing**

Traci Elligson

### **Others Present**

Faye Pleso

Tammy Hogan

### **Public**

Ron Arbogast Jr.-Parent

Jason Officer-Parent

### **Call to Order**

Tom Hockensmith called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Introductions were made for attendees.

### **Public Comment on Agenda**

Jason (Parent) commented that convention was amazing and a good learning experience.

### **Old Business**

None

### **Administrator's Report**

- Enrollment
  - 273 students, 274 on Monday

- Coalition Convention
  - Faye attended 2 of 3 days
  - Chose sessions discussing the following topics:
    - Reality of Transportation
    - Board Pitfalls
    - Cybersecurity
      - Company can do physical and electronic security check
    - Succession Planning
      - Ideas for Strategic planning
        - What's does it look like in 10 years?
      - Restructure administration team
    - Federal Programs
    - Charter Renewal
      - Any trends on barriers
        - None noted
- Hiring 3/4 Teacher Assistant
  - 3/4 Assistant - Hiring Action
  - Hannah Yaider
  - \$17 / HR
  - Under 30 Hrs / Week
  - Starting 10/30/23
  - Motion: Becky
  - Second: Rose
  - All approved, unanimous
- Helping Hands Committee
  - Book Fair
    - Profit \$1,180
  - Open House
    - Spirit Wear profit \$246
  - Back to School
    - Spirit Wear over \$1,000
    - Fundraising total across all sources was over \$3,000
  - Fundraising initiatives outstanding are:
    - Photos
    - Coffee
    - ScareCrows
      - Spread out across surrounding areas
  - Upcoming Events
    - Parade
      - Next week
      - Currently 6 families signed up
    - Spirit Week
      - Next week
    - In School Parade
      - Next week
    - Veteran's Day
    - November Parent's Night

- World Kindness Week
- Gift Catalog
- Skate Party
  - 11/21/23
- Cob 51 Art Party
  - Need 20
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### **Consent Agenda**

- Motion: Tom
- Second: Rose
- All in favor, approved

### **Chair Report**

- Board Members please complete mandatory Trauma Training.
- Trauma training is due this month.

### **Finance Committee - Becky Uppercue**

- Overall, we are still fiscally sound.
- Billing for 28 students was missed by district receivables causing budget to look under projections until received.
- Cash on hand is at 126 days.
- Currently expenses are under budget projections.
- Budget has \$70K deficit due to district receivables outstanding.
- Charter Choices is partnering with “Vortex”
  - Vortex is primarily Southwestern United State Schools
  - No changes anticipated in services
- Becky announced this would be her final year as treasurer.

### **Governance Committee**

- Applications are being taken for open Board Position
  - Packets are being worked on.
  - Closes 10/31/23

### **New business: For the good of the order**

None

### **Public Comment**

- Ron Arbogast discussed planting trees at school
- Jason Officer discussed Coalition for Charter Schools, Lego Robotics, and his plans for charter high school
- Elana King made spirit day suggestion

**Adjourned at 7:20pm**