

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School
Board of Trustees Official Minutes
March 21, 2024

Board Members Present

Tom Hockensmith, President
Rose Thornberry, Vice Chair
Becky Uppercue, Treasurer
Amy Brown, Secretary
Traci Elligson, Member at Large
Elena King, Member at Large

Board Members Absent

Becky Uppercue, Treasurer

Others Present

Faye Pleso, CEO
Tammy Hogan, Assistant Principal
Nicole Wilt, Executive Assistant

Public

Greg Colosimo, Parent
Becky Black, teacher

Call to Order

Tom Hockensmith called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM
Introductions were made for attendees.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

Old Business

None

Administrators Report

CEO Report-Dr.Faye Pleso

- Enrollment

275 students

- Home Bound Instruction
 - \$40 per hour for 4.5 hours per week for approximately one month
 - -Motion to approve-Tom Hockensmith
 - -Second Motion-Rose
 - -All those present in favor
- Amend 403B Savings through Penn Serve, mandatory 5% or more

Motion to approve amendment to allow additional retirement savings plans options

Which include allowance to transfer funds to 401K

- Motion: Rose Thornberry
- Second: Traci Elligson
- All those present in favor

Hiring

- Kerry Mussllman as Food Service Aide
 - \$15/hour up to 30 hours per week
 - Motion to approve-Amy Brown
 - Second Motion to approve-Elena King
 - All those present in favor
- Promote Kayla Solloman to PCA
 - \$15/hour up to 30 hours per week
 - Motion: Rose Thornberry
 - Second: Traci Elligson

- Wellness Policy Update- updated every two years
 - Courtney Sites head of wellness committee
 - Slimed down from template
 - Removed/Modified
 - Websites (old and broken)
 - Nutrition updated to current food standards
 - Included activities such as food field trips
 - Celebrations updated to include unhealthy food/beverage non allowance
 - Vote in April
- ❖ Sun Safety Policy
 - Striving to be a 'sun safe' school
 - Educate Students
 - Sunscreen Forms
 - Allow wearing sunglasses outdoors
 - Evaluate Yearly
 - Vote in April
- ❖ Site Plan Update
 - Photos presented of new play structures

- Design almost finished
- Shed by gravel lot, roughly 14 x 32 feet
- Gravel lot to be paved, will include concrete slab for shed
- Fence, Ga Ga Pit and basketball hoops
- ❖ Chesapeake Bay Alliance
 - Dr. Faye Pleso met with Jessica
 - Plan developed for meadow and native PA trees
 - Mix of fast and slow growing
 - Trees that die will be replaced
- ❖ PDE Summit
 - Dr. Pleso reviewed experience
 - Penn Data Summit Sessions
 - TIMS
 - PIMS
 - Cyber Threats and Security
 - Reviewing Cyber infrastructure alerts/bulletins/scenarios
 - Analyze school security safety plan
- ❖ Chamber Visit
 - New Oxford & Gettysburg Chambers of Commerce
 - New Oxford Monthly Mixers
 - Judged the Science Fair, over 20 community members attended
- ❖ Multi-Purpose Room
 - New panels with character traits presented by Jessica and Troy
 - Dean, artists in the Gettysburg community
- ❖ Special Education *presented by Becky Black, Special Education Coordinator*
 - Compliance monitoring every 6 years for continued improvement
 - Looks at disabilities, procedures, trainings and documentation
 - Reviewed week of February 19th
 - Federal and State policies and laws were all met
 - FSA facilitated self-assessment was a success
 - Given 10 names and pulled 3 years of records
 - Educational Benefit Review
 - Results
 - No findings
 - 2021/2022 School year = 54%
 - 2022/2023 School year = 38%
 - 2023/2024 School year = 28%
- ❖ School Updates *presented by Nicole Wilt*
 - Book Blast Campaign
 - 132 participants
 - 897 books on the way
 - \$12, 000 raised towards books
 - Four teachers received \$100 for their classroom
 - Library received 10 books per grade

- Student received an iPad
- Gertrude Hawk
 - Profit report to be released in April
- Upcoming Events
 - AG Week
 - Book “Anywhere Farm” sponsored by PA Farm Bureau
 - Letters to Farmers giving thanks back to community
 - 275 students writing farmers
 - Talent Show
 - Hershey Park Ticket Sales
 - Spring Pictures
 - Recyclable Art Contest
 - Skate Party April 1st
- ❖ Consent Agenda
 - Motion: Tom Hockensmith
 - Second: Traci Elligson
 - All present approved
- ❖ Chair- Tom
 - Training
- ❖ Finance *presented by Elaina King*
 - SOFI complete and send to Dr Pleso
 - KPI showing positive
 - \$115k YTD surplus
 - Projecting small deficit of \$30k, but likely to change
 - Rough budget next month
- ❖ Governance *presented by Rose Thornberry*
 - Greg Colosimo Swear In
- ❖ No New Business
- ❖ No Public Comment
- ❖ Adjourn at 7:08 PM
- ❖ Reconvene 4/25/2024

