

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 24, 2025

Board Members Present

Rose Thornberry, Vice Chair
Greg Colosimo, Secretary
Amy Brown, Treasurer
Jeffery Sours, Member at large
Traci Elligson, Member at Large
Tom Hockenberry, Member at Large

Others Present

Faye Pleso, CEO/ Principal
Tammy Hogan, Assistant Principal
Nicole Wilt, Executive Assistant
William Hamilton, INA Security Manager

Public

None

Call to Order

Vice President Rose Thornberry called the meeting to order at 6:54 PM.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

Old Business

Information Network Associates (INA) presentation via William Hamilton- Armed School Security Officer
Company discussed history, company divisions, upper administration, and management roles to maintain positive relationships and contract success
Discussed company and state requirements, licensing/ certification, onboarding
Discussed maintaining positive relationship with GMCS community
Presented roles and responsibilities of officer day to day
Discussed uniform guidance
Discussed staffing/ emergency call out procedure to maintain officer presence
Discussed expectation of officer to be a neutral party as much as possible and be able to provide age-appropriate interaction with students

Administrators Report presented by Dr. Faye Pleso, CEO/ Principal

Enrollment

- 260 students currently
- School Wide student bullying plan- no changes needed at this time

Site Development Project Update

- Next site development = shed in progress
- Currently developing rest of site development plan (bathrooms, office, classroom space) for submission to gain approval
- Comprehensive Plan- Supports growth in continuous operation, on target for year 3.
- Continue with Social Studies completion and will be imbedded with other core subjects.
- Look @ data drive curriculum reviews and mid year retention of staff; goal of 85 percent minimum met
- Staff incentives/ development opportunities
- **Student Access-** Program designed to reimburse portion of identified services of students on Medical Assistance. Follow through on this matter has been accepted. Will update as info becomes available
- **Dr. Pleso update-** Dr. Pleso notified participants that she would like to begin a succession plan. Will follow up with more info as available

Employment

No employment transitions for this meeting date

School Updates presented by Nicole Wilt, Executive Assistant to CEO

- Marketing blast for school is planned to include the following:
 - Increase social media presence
 - Create video showing school off
 - Reunion night
 - 2 local magazines advertising in- Gettysburg neighbors and Celebrate Gettysburg
 - Ambassadors at carnivals
 - Post card blast to community
 - June 8-10 2025- staff to hand out brochures
 - GMCS carnival to be held on grounds in July
- **Fundraiser Totals/ Updates:**
 - Book fair fundraiser - pending
 - Hersey Park tickets – 21 free tickets
 - Yearbook sales -pending
 - Candy fundraiser- \$1,857 Profit
 - Farmers letters in progress
 - Staff appreciation May 5-9
 - Music concert facilitated by Mr. Swiger
 - Field day approaching
 - Graduation day approaching
 - Last day of school approaching

continues GMCS Spotlight via announcements implemented as a morale/ community booster

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Consent Agenda
 - Previous financials
 - Meeting Minutes
- Tom Hockenberry Motioned to Approve
 - Tracie Elligson second the motion
- Rose Thornberry, Gregory Colosimo, Amy Brown, Jeffery Sours in favor of motion
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Chair Report

N/A

Finance Committee - Amy Brown, Rose Thornberry

- Financial Status is looking good
- Goal of 278 students next year to support budget
- Current rate dispute with GSD
- Total assets \$1.82 million
- Fund balance- \$1.7 million
- *Additional info can be reviewed within 04/24/2025 Finance Report*

Governance Committee**

- None

New Business for the Good of the Order

- Clarification of Go Guardian programing
- 14 on wait list from lottery

Public Comment

- None

Adjourned – Meeting recessed @ 8:55PM by Rose Thornberry