



Lowcountry Montessori School

Minutes

February LMS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday February 22, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Location

749 Broad River Dr., Beaufort, SC 29906

The mission of Lowcountry Montessori School is to provide an authentic Montessori education building a foundation for lifelong learning.

Directors Present

C. Blumenstein, C. Lucas, D. Fent, D. Pickett, I. Deysach, K. Wiley, S. Lemstrom, S. Wiggins

Directors Absent

A. Moody, P. Chester

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

S. Lemstrom

Guests Present

A. Horn, C. Heyward, M. Zappia, S. Fox

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

D. Pickett called a meeting of the board of directors of Lowcountry Montessori School to order on Thursday Feb 22, 2018 at 6:32 PM.

C. Reading of Mission Statement

D. Approval of Agenda

K. Wiley made a motion to approve.

C. Lucas seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Statement of Compliance with FOIA

F. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

K. Wiley made a motion to approve minutes from the January Board Meeting on 01-25-18
January Board Meeting on 01-25-18.

I. Deysach seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Recognition of Student Achievements

A. Recognition

Hosting USCB for Communications and Pay 101 on campus - going well

Brick sales active and available

MMUN in NY and going well.

S. Lemstrom arrived.

III. Director's Report

A. February update.

International Night 2 March - open to all

Parent Ed - 13 March at 1800, dinner provided. Theme is Transition (what do each level look like)

Montessori Program International conference for teachers

Lottery draw will run on 27 February 2018

IV. Committee Reports

A. Academic Excellence

Vision Goals established - see Academic excellence minutes

Looking at Star or Map testing to help set goals and show growth

Considering a social/emotional testing to identify measures.

Sarah Fox researching a digital portfolio capability.

B. Governance

proposed changes to conflict of interest policy and an allotment for a waiver to be on the board.

the change to the schedule - to be voted on in March.

C. Finance

Currently projecting a net loss with the current budget - still working toward a resolution plan.

Finance committee plan to meet to identify a plan to take corrective action in the budget.

In March Board will vote on preposed changes as well as budgets from Nov.17, Dec 17, Jan18, Feb18, and Mar 18.

D. Fundraising

Requesting the Board to give as a support and example for other board members as well as community members.

Tax deductible donation.

RTR: have a good number of bands, looking for food and breweries.

Inclement weather - insurance or plan

need Old furniture for antique tent

E. Facilities

established committee goals - see committee notes

met with BJWSA and location site is directly over sewer lines - civil engineering will need to be completed for build

playground equipment - identifying the guidelines and liability to determine the best route to pay a contractor or do it ourself - risk benefit analysis.

V. New Business

A. March meeting date

Amy and Sarah will be unable to attend.

15 March 2018

I. Deysach made a motion to Change Board meeting from 22nd to to 15 March 2018 at 1830.

C. Blumenstein seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Playground equipment installation options.

per insurance - we are liable regardless

Facilities committee recommends using staff and volunteers using the state guidelines to construct the equipment with the supervision of staff (M. Zappia). Committees feel the constructions is well within scope of team.

S. Wiggins made a motion to The Facilities Committee shall supervise the construction of playground equipment with the following limitation: The Facilities Committee shall not supervise the construction of any playground equipment with a standing platform of three feet or higher without permission from the Lowcountry Montessori Board of Directors.

I. Deysach seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

I. Deysach made a motion to Enter Executive Session.

D. Fent seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Heyward left.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

D. Pickett made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

S. Wiggins seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Wiggins