



# Lowcountry Montessori School

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Thursday August 23, 2018 at 6:30 PM

#### **Location**

749 Broad River Dr., Beaufort, SC 29906

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

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#### **Directors Present**

C. Lucas, D. Fent, D. Pickett, K. Wiley, P. Chester, S. Lemstrom

#### **Directors Absent**

C. Blumenstein, I. Deysach, S. Wiggins

#### **Guests Present**

Erin Kearse, M. Zappia, S. Fox, Steven Scarborough, Tom Vanderberg

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### **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 Aug 23, 2018 at 6:42 PM.

**C. Reading of Mission Statement**

**D. Approval of Agenda**

C. Lucas made a motion to Approve Agenda.

P. Chester seconded the motion.

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

**E. Statement of Compliance with FOIA**

**F. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

D. Pickett made a motion to approve minutes from the July LMS Board Meeting on 07-26-18 July LMS Board Meeting on 07-26-18.

P. Chester seconded the motion.

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

**II. Public Comment**

**A. Public comment period, limited to 3 minutes per person.**

No comments.

**III. Director's Report**

**A. July update.**

Very smooth start to the year. 375 students. New staff in middle school.

Visit from EPR (team that helped finance facility). Working to help dissolve LP.

Maria Montessori birthday 0900 on front lawn 8/31/18.

**IV. Committee Reports**

**A. Academic Excellence**

Discussed board prospects.

Discussed having a teacher from each grade on the academic excellence committee.

Discussed response to intervention program.

Discussed the give back program.

Discussed federal impact aid.

## **B. Governance**

Working on new board members. 8 positions are up for election in early October.

## **C. Finance**

P. Chester made a motion to To accept July financial reports and accept budget amendment.

D. Pickett seconded the motion.

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

Discussed collections of primary fees for Pre-K students. Vote expected next month to establish policy statement.

Discussed opening a secondary credit card account to collect benefits to offset travel/training expenses. Re-visit at next meeting.

## **D. Fundraising**

Meeting next month.

Discussed RTR - sponsors, information packets.

## **E. Facilities**

Need another board member on the committee.

## **V. Old Business**

### **A. Update on appraisal**

Ameris Bank has become non-responsive. Moving forward with appraiser from Utah due to time crunch to get appraisal in the next 6-8 weeks.

### **B. Continued use of BoardOnTrack**

## **VI. Closing Items**

### **A.**

### **Adjourn Meeting**

D. Pickett made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

P. Chester seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** 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,

C. Lucas