

APPROVED



Lowcountry Montessori School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday August 26, 2021 at 5:30 PM

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

Directors Present

A. Thompson, J. Ephland, L. Young, T. Vande Burgt

Directors Absent

G. Alexander, J. Dameworth, J. Poole, K. Recchia, S. Boggs

Guests Present

M. Watkins, S. Fox

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

T. Vande Burgt called a meeting of the board of directors of Lowcountry Montessori School to order on Thursday Aug 26, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

C.

Reading of the Mission Statement

Read by Tom

D. Approval of Agenda

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Motion – Amanda

2nd – Jamie

E. Statement of Compliance with FOIA

Not read

II. Public Comment

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

Brittany Dublin

- no minutes published since March, 2021

- no BOD bios

Diane Denver

- Dislike idea of school mandating masks

Dirk

- Proposition - establish a student body

- Leadership experience

III. Director's Report

A. August Update

Director's Report

- Waitlisted list
- Notes from nurse 1/17
- Department of Ed info
- Amendment on Virtual Attendance
- Testing/language screening #19 – doubled since last year
- Group Events – HS gets to choose
 - Event 8/31
- 9/9 – Audit
- 9/21 – International Day

Handbook Amendment – Tom to read and report back to the board

IV. Committee Reports

A. Governance

B. Facilities

- Facilities – no mtg
- o Discussing quotes (2)
- o Below \$15k – so no board approval needed
- § Doors
- § Bulbs
- § 3-4 wks
- § Take to finance commity
- § Replace 5-6 yr HVAC system

C. Academic Excellence

- Academic Excellence – Sarah
- o Math Investments
- o Transparent Classrooms
- § Correlates with State standard

D. Fundraising

- Fundraising
- o Golf Cart Raffle – 11/7

V. New Business

A. Use of Emergency Text

- Use of Emergency Text
- o STOP with the menial stuff
- o Create some phone trees – Lari

B. Reason BOD can't vote on Masks

- Reason BOD can't vote on the mask
- o Law signed by the gov – can't vote
- o Now at supreme court level
- o Have another mtg then need specific questions
- § Actual school numbers

C. Vote on how school will proceed with virtual attendance

D. Digital recording for minutes

E.

Working on Budget Program

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Ephland