

APPROVED



Lowcountry Montessori School

Minutes

Board meeting

Date and Time

Thursday July 27, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Location

Lowcountry Montessori School

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

Directors Present

C. Rentz, G. Alexander, J. Dameworth, J. Ephland, J. Iszkula, J. Poole, L. Young

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

A. Horn, B. Shaffer, S. Fox

I. Opening Items

A. Determination of Quorum

B. Call the Meeting to Order

G. Alexander called a meeting of the board of directors of Lowcountry Montessori School to order on Thursday Jul 27, 2023 at 5:32 PM.

C. Reading of the Mission Statement

D. Approval of Agenda

Add two items to the Agenda:

1. Amy - change gym roof which will require a special meeting
2. Insurance Company - will need to increase coverage for catastrophic coverage

J. Dameworth made a motion to Approve Agenda.

J. Ephland seconded the motion.

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

E. Statement of Compliance with FOIA

II. Public Comment

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

- Chad Rentz presented a letter to the Board

III. Director's Report

A. July Update

See Report

- Cadence Calls with USDA occur on the 3rd Monday of each month at 2:30pm
- Greg needs to be in attendance
- August Staff Retreat - 3rd/4th
- August 8th - Open House - 4-6pm
- August 31st - Ground Breaking Ceremony

IV. Committee Reports

A. Finance Report

See Report

B. Governance

Update on Charter Renewal

- Due October 23rd

C. Facilities

See Report

V. New Business

A. Discuss Contingency plan.

Pushed to August Meeting

Testing

- Testing Coordinator
- The Oz Factor on Accountability

Reading Plan - redo in September

- All teachers doing SLO (Student Learning Objectives)
- Reading Pathway Packet

Math Strategies 101

- Low scores across the district
- Math Plans for each student

Insurance

- Increase \$14k/yr
- Need to research increasing the deductible to lower the payments
- Total increase recommended is \$2.5M

J. Ephland made a motion to Motion to increase the insurance coverage with the deductible research being assigned to Amy.

J. Poole seconded the motion.

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

VI. Other Business

A. Vote on matters from Executive Session, if required

J. Ephland made a motion to Directive to Amy Horn to develop, amend, create Behavioral Guidelines. Include parents, administration and teachers in this committee. Josh will head up this committee.

J. Iszkula seconded the motion.

- See what is in place today
- Create a sign up page: Restorative Practice Committee

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

VII. 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 7:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Young