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Lowcountry Montessori School

Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday October 24, 2024 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. Wright, G. Alexander, J. Iszkula, J. Poole, K. Scott, L. Young

Directors Absent

D. Slazyk

Guests Present

A. Horn, Alyssa Blich (remote), April Beall, B. Shaffer, Bain Vaughn (remote), Bruce Rhoads, Deanna Romig, Heather Kirby (remote), Ken Martin (remote), Lisa Langley (remote), Lizzy Lyles, M. Watkins (remote), Ms. Francy Johannan, Peter Verbrick, Radcliffe Ormsby (remote), Rose Beck, Rossi Rhoads, S. Fox, Valerie Romig

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Young called a meeting of the board of directors of Lowcountry Montessori School to order on Thursday Oct 24, 2024 at 5:32 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

A. Wright made a motion to approve the minutes from Emergency Board Meeting on 09-30-24.

J. Iszkula seconded the motion.

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

A. Wright made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting on 09-26-24.

J. Iszkula seconded the motion.

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

II. Public Comments

A. Public Comment - Statement

Deanna Romig Gave a 3 minute presentation on behalf of the students attending the Costa Rica Trip. (See attached report out for flyer)

III. Finance

A. Overview of Budget

See Budget Files attached report out

B. Audit Review

Ken Martin discussed audit review.

Amy Asked Kim Martin if there are areas for improvement in the audit. Ken Martin did not have anything to note for areas of improvement.

Attached report

J. Poole made a motion to Vote on Audit Approval from June 2024.

J. Iszkula seconded the motion.

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

IV. Director's Report

A. Report out

Attached is Director's report

B. Cell Phone Policy

Amy Discussed the importance of the Cellphone policy as written in the student handbook

Public schools are starting to follow this policy

V. Facilities

A. Fence Addition

A. Wright made a motion to Fence addition Motion it to move to next month keep on the agenda until solution is made.

J. Poole seconded the motion.

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

Painting item needs to be on next month's agenda

Two gate alarm proposed. (attached)

One proposal for all gates and one for 4 primary concern gates.

400,000 roughly left over for facilities can be used for gates or any facilities needed.

The gate alarms will secures campus so that everyone must go through the front office.

Vote on the gate Alarms is deferred to after exec session So board can understand financial and ask questions.

A. Wright made a motion to Move Fence Addition to November meeting.

J. Poole seconded the motion.

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

J. Iszkula made a motion to Approve 9 gate alarms for security of the school grounds.

J. Poole seconded the motion.

Approved after leaving exec session

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

B. Kitchen

Kitchen Range listed under "New Construction" on the Facilities report.

Moved Vote for Ranges until after exec session for discussion.

J. Poole made a motion to approve \$7,440+6000(Reimbursement) for kitchen Ranges.

J. Iszkula seconded the motion.

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

C. Work Order Process - Update

Work order process has been slower because the process is new.

NOTE:

Parents, subs, and board members can report maintenance issues as well

VI. Governance

A. Updates

South Carolina Charter Alliance Group to get into compliance with elections. Lari proposed we do a special election on October 30th. Then get the other board members on in spring.

J. Poole made a motion to Join the South Carolina Charter Alliance Group(2 New Members now and handle the voting in spring 2025).

J. Iszkula seconded the motion.

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

VII. New Business

A. Skip Level Meetings: Observation Days

Board members can do observations with teachers and not skip level meetings. Proposal made to do an observation of the campus day. Moved to the agenda for next month.

B. CTE Reimbursement

6k towards equipment part of kitchen ranges will come from program. Does have to be spent and then reimbursed.

C. Costa Rica Field Trip

The Board would like to contribute \$250 per student. (vote after exec session)
(fundraising budget line)

J. Iszkula made a motion to Give \$1500.00 to Coasta Rica trip enabling another child to attend.

J. Poole seconded the motion.

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

D. Additional Curriculum

Makers space class: Amy has a vision that every two years we are building tiny homes and auctioning them off. Woodworking and Engine lifts for mechanical. Amy discussed her ultimate dream for tiny homes on front space for grounds and or artesian in residence. Admin possibly sending survey to parents to see what skillsets they have to add to the school community.

Additional curriculum Jen mentioned finance class.

This 9th grade class has to have a finance class before graduation.

E. Fundraising Ideas

Gala

- board members required to sell 4 tickets

And then make an annual event

Touch a truck event

Tables \$100 can sell items and keep all proceeds (December 7th)
Yard sales not very good profit wise.

Pickleball Tournament
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KEEP FUNDRAISING ON THE AGENDA

VIII. Old Business

A. Board Training-Update

Dec 4th Board training

B. STAR Program

Star/bcdad presentations happening today HS and tomorrow MIDDLE.

C. Schedule for the Holidays

We won't have a monthly meeting in December

D. USCB Strategic Plan

Jen, Josh, Angela, and Kristine going to USCB Planning

IX. Executive Session

A. Vote if needed

G. Alexander made a motion to GO into Exec Session.

J. Poole seconded the motion.

7:52

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

J. Iszkula made a motion to End Exec Session.

J. Poole seconded the motion.

9:02 pm

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

X. 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 9:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
K. Scott