



Lee Montessori Public Charter Schools

Minutes

June Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday June 22, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Directors Present

B. Beste (remote), C. Bellinger (remote), E. Bethel (remote), J. Milton (remote), K. Wendel (remote), L. Madala (remote), R. Pulciani (remote), S. Morgan (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Ex Officio Members Present

C. Pencikowski (remote)

Non Voting Members Present

C. Pencikowski (remote)

Guests Present

Betsy Romero (remote), C. Camborda (remote), Ebony Crawford (remote), Erin Rowsey (remote), Megan Hubbard (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

C. Bellinger called a meeting of the board of directors of Lee Montessori Public Charter Schools to order on Wednesday Jun 22, 2022 at 6:05 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

K. Wendel made a motion to approve the minutes from May Board Meeting (resched from April) on 05-12-22.

L. Madala seconded the motion.

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

II. Gala Debrief

A. Summary of Gala Revenue and Goals

Update on revenues from the 2022 Founders Gala, which exceeded both our goals and our 2021 Gala revenues.

III. Executive Director's Update

A. Executive Director's Report

- Overview of Student Demographics
- Academics & Student Success
 - MAP Score Review - math gap narrowing, reading gap persists
 - Academic Committee wants to look at data on student support and assessing what is/is not working
 - Work will go on this summer for remedial reading work.
 - We are using MAP data to figure out how helpful HIT has been - we are moving ahead with HIT this summer for select students.
 - Even when adjusting data for attendance, we still see gaps between performance for Black and Non-Black students, so there is need to explore further next year.
 - In SEL: drop in students meeting expectations (86% from 92% in Fall 2021)
 - Lee will explore how to ensure standard process for assessment
 - Attendance: Close to meeting 85% attendance goals at East End, meeting goal at Brookland
 - When we look at MAP proficiency and growth and tie it to attendance we see clear connection between low attendance and low scores.
 - Think attendance is one of the "gap-closing" strategies we can take on
 - Also want to look into reducing tardies
 - Q: Have you explored DC Connects for attendance at EE?
 - A: We don't think we qualify, but we can reach out to check
- Talent & Culture

- Fewer cases of COVID in late April/early May
- Q: Have you gotten feedback from families on how COVID was handled this year?
 - A: Not a lot of recent feedback at BL. Most feedback at EE concentrated on making sure students were kept on track.
- Q: How are you encouraging vaccinations for the under 5 set?
 - Tough to do this in last week of school, will explore options for summer camp. Noted the No Shots No School policy in DC.
 - School Nurse will be on staff this summer following up with families on compliance.
- Finance, Operations, Org Sustainability
 - Continuing to work on East End project bond issuance

IV. Governance Committee

A. Motion Requested: Approve resolution related to the formation of a Type III supporting organization within the meaning of Section 509(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

L. Madala made a motion to Approve Resolution (as it appears on screen).
B. Beste seconded the motion.

- Chair introduces Motion
- Q: What are requirements/best practices for these types of Boards?
 - A: Looking for a small, aligned Board
- Q: Will our Board cooperate or work with the support corporation?
 - A: Through ED.
- Q: Can Lee BoD decide to dissolve the 509?
 - A: Will ask lawyers and follow up.
- Discussion about the need to better understand how this corporation will work before voting to move funds.
- Request for Chris to present detailed financial analysis for support Corp at next meeting.
 - Lay out how there can be maximum control over support corp.

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

B. Discussion Items

- Reminder to complete EBP Survey
- Discussion of Board Retreat Dates
 - Decided on 7/25

C. Review SY2022-23 Board Calendar

- Q: Will Board meetings be in person or on zoom next year?

- Recommendation around alternating between in-person and remote meetings.

V. Treasurer's Report

A. Motion Requested: Approve the FY23 Budget with a net cash increase of \$454,966

L. Madala made a motion to Approve FY23 Budget with net cash increase of \$454,966.

K. Wendel seconded the motion.

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

VI. Additional Committee Updates

A. Strategic Planning Update

- Update from Rob on identifying key strategies
- On track to meet original timeline and will have more to present to the Board
- Pivoted from operational focus in plan to having a "North Star", which feels like the right direction.
- Discussion on starting a fundraising committee
- Planning to start a Talent committee next year

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 7:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Bellinger

Documents used during the meeting

- Lee Montessori June 2022 Board Meeting Presentation.pdf
- Active_160925399_1_Lee Montessori Public Charter School Resolutions.DOCX