



City Garden Montessori School

Minutes

2023-24 Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday June 3, 2024 at 6:00 PM

This is an in-person meeting at 4209 Folsom Ave, St . Louis, MO 63110.

We will be live streaming the meeting via Zoom webinar at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88115198576?pwd=Rnl0cWNYaDZsdkdES3o2VE9hQnNMdz09>

The meeting will also be recorded and posted on the City Garden website
(citygardenschool.org/board)

Directors Present

D. Smith, J. Dixon, J. Fouse, J. Sharp, M. Howard, S. Deuanepenh, S. Shelton-Dodge

Directors Absent

S. Haigler

Guests Present

C. Flynn, C. Huck, C. Isom, D. Blank, D. Fox, M. Flohr, M. Marshall, P. Garrett

I. Opening Items

A.

Call the Meeting to Order

D. Smith called a meeting of the board of directors of City Garden Montessori School to order on Monday Jun 3, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

C. Recess General Meeting to Convene Closed Session

J. Dixon made a motion to recess the general session to convene an open session in accordance with RSMo Sunshine Law 610.21.3, which requires a roll call vote.

M. Howard seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

S. Shelton-Dodge	Aye
M. Howard	Aye
D. Smith	Aye
J. Sharp	Aye
S. Deuanephenh	Aye
J. Fouse	Aye
S. Haigler	Absent
J. Dixon	Aye

D. Resume the General Meeting

The general meeting was resumed at 7:00 pm

E. Mission Statement

F. Introductions and Public Comment

There was no public comment.

II. Action Items

A. Approve Minutes from May 2024 Board Meeting

S. Deuanephenh made a motion to approve the minutes from 2023-24 Board Meeting on 05-01-24.

S. Shelton-Dodge seconded the motion.

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

B. Approve April 2024 Financials

Motion to approve the April 2024 financials.

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

C. Approve 2024-25 Budget

Motion to approve the 2024-25 budget.

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

D. Approve the 2024-25 School Calendar

Motion to approve the 2024-25 school calendar.

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

E. Vote on the 2024-25 Board of Directors Slate of Officers and Executive Committee

Motion to approve the slate of officers for the 2024-25 school year as follows: Board

Chair - Sysco Deuanephenh, Vice Chair - Mia Howard, Treasurer - Joelle Fouse,

Secretary - Jesse Dixon.

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

III. Information Items

A. Year-End Academic Report

ECEC Principal Crystal Isom shared results of:

PKOF testing for Fall 2023 as compared to Spring 2024, which showed significant growth among all students

- Overall students from 61% to 85%
- Among Black students from 45% to 78%
- Among FRL-eligible students from 51% to 76%

Kindergarten Growth Diagnostic from Fall 2023 to Spring 2024

- Overall student Math scores improved from 21% to 82%
- FRL-eligible student Math scores improved from 11% to 76%
- Overall student Reading scores improved from 32% to 95%
- FRL-eligible student Reading scores improved from 27% to 92%

EAEC Principal Pat Garrett shared results of Grades 1 through 8 Growth Diagnostic from Fall 2023 to Spring 2024

- Overall students who tested at two or more levels below grade level in Math scores decreased from 36% to 21%
- FRL-eligible students who tested at two or more levels below grade level in Math decreased from 51% to 30%
- Overall students who tested at two or more levels below grade level in Reading decreased from 30% to 17%
- FRL-eligible students who tested at two or more levels below grade level in Reading score decreased from 41% to 23%

The number of students scoring at or above grade level increased as follows:

- Overall in Math - from 22% to 43%
- FRL-eligible in Math - from 8% to 22%
- Overall in Reading - from 41% to 58%
- FRL-eligible in Reading - from 27% to 39%

We acknowledge that the trend is moving in the right direction; and that we will need to continue the use of targeted strategies to stay on trend.

B. Governance Update

Jesse Dixon shared that the committee is working on the following:

- Vetting 12 candidates for board membership. The goal is for the committee to recommend 2-3 for approval in late June.
- Drafting final versions of the policies which will be presented for vote at the August board meeting

C. CEO Report

Christie Huck shared topics for the June 29th board retreat:

- CEO and Board collaboration
- Begin discussions of the strategic planning process and what that should look like
- Obtaining community stakeholder feedback
- Data around SPED and IEPs

Christie is in discussions with some charter school leaders to design a common application for families, which they hope to launch in the Fall.

D. Board Chair Report

Donna Smith reminded the board about the all-day retreat on June 29th.

There was also mention of the state's new school finance calculation proposed to take place beginning with the 2025-26 school year. It was recommended that the board receive 15 minute PD about this topic during the 2024-25 board meetings.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

S. Deuanepenh made a motion to adjourn the final board meeting of the 2023-24 school year.

J. Dixon seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously 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 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. Fox