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City Garden Montessori School

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday August 7, 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. Fouse, L. Vowell, S. Deuanepenh, S. Haigler, S. Shelton-Dodge (remote)

Directors Absent

J. Dixon, M. Howard

Guests Present

C. Huck, C. Isom, D. Blank, D. Fox (remote), M. Flohr (remote), M. Marshall

I. Opening Items

A.

Call the Meeting to Order

S. Deuanephenh called a meeting of the board of directors of City Garden Montessori School to order on Wednesday Aug 7, 2024 at 6:06 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

C. Recess General Meeting to Convene Closed Session

S. Haigler made a motion to recess the general meeting to convene a closed session pursuant to RSMo Sunshine Law 610.21.3.

J. Fouse seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

D. Resume the General Meeting

General meeting was reconvened at 6:40 PM.

E. Mission Statement

F. Introductions and Public Comment

There was no public comment.

G. Welcome New Board Members and Introduce Board Officers for 2024-25

New member, Laura Vowell, was welcomed to the Board of Directors for a 3 year term beginning on July 1, 2024.

The 2024-25 Officers of the Board of Directors are:

- Sysco Deuanephenh, Chair
- Mia Howard, Vice-Chair
- Joelle Fouse, Treasurer
- Jesse Dixon, Secretary
- Donna Howard, Immediate Past-Chair

II. Action Items

A.

Approve Minutes from June 2024 Board Meeting

D. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from 2023-24 Board Meeting on 06-03-24.

J. Fouse seconded the motion.

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

B. Approve May 2024 Financials

S. Haigler made a motion to approve the May 2024 financials.

L. Vowell seconded the motion.

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

C. Vote on New Board Member, Ben Huebner

S. Shelton-Dodge made a motion to approve the board membership of Benjamin Huebner.

D. Smith seconded the motion.

The Board Recruitment committee unanimously recommended approval of this candidate.

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

D. Approve 2024-25 Organizational Goals and Annual Plan

- These goals were revised after receiving the board's input
- The board requested quarterly updates be included as an agenda item at board meetings as a summary report
- The board would like to hear from the school principals regularly as well

There was great interest in the Academic Goals

- The board asked to see longitudinal data, to better understand how attendance in particular, affects academics.
- CG will be offering tutoring 4 days a week this year, instead of 2 days as last year. This tutoring will start sooner in the school year, two weeks after the start of school.
- There are plans to meet and partner with parents as well to try to eliminate the obstacles of poor daily attendance and to underscore the importance of additional instruction with tutoring .

J. Fouse made a motion to approve the CGMS organizational goals with quarterly updates.

S. Haigler seconded the motion.

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

III. Information Items

A.

New and Revised Policies for 2024-25

- The board was asked to review the policies presented and forward any questions to the Governance Committee
- The By-laws of the organization are under review and will be cross-checked by our legal counsel before being submitted to the board for approval this year

B. CEO Report

Christie turned her time over to Mike Flohr, who provided an update on the CGM Institute.

- MACTE was onsite observing the program, and deemed it a model program for infusing ABAR/ DEI with the Montessori curriculum
- We expect to be fully accredited by 2025
- There was great collaboration with our internal (CG staff - returning and new) adult learners
- We received a stellar response to this year's change in our model

C. Board Chair Report

Dr. Tenille Rose, who was approved for board membership at the June meeting, had a conflict with meeting dates and has resigned. We will try to keep her engaged by serving on a committee.

The Community Engagement subcommittee (Donna Smith, Sysco Deuanephenh, Mia Howard, Sherita Haigler, Dr. Alexandra Boyd) met and began a draft of the scope of work to give clarity to and assign a subcommittee member to each of the following areas of focus:

- Strategic Plan
- Budget Plan and Transparency - championed by the Finance Committee
- Organizational Structure
- Academic Excellence

The subcommittee will provide the board with quarterly updates.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

D. Smith made a motion to adjourn the August board meeting.

L. Vowell 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 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. Fox