

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School  
Board of Trustees Meeting Min  
Thursday, October 24, 2024

**Board Members Present**

Rose Thornberry, Vice Chair  
Greg Colosimo, Secretary  
Traci Elligson, Member at large  
Tom Hockensmith, Member at large  
Amy Brown, Treasurer  
Jeffery Sours, Member at large

**Others Present**

Faye Pleso, CEO and Principal  
Tammy Hogan, Assistant Principal  
Nicole Wilt, Executive Assistant

**Public**

None

**Call to Order**

Vice President Rose Thornberry called the meeting to order at 6:56 pm..

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

None

**Old Business**

None

**Enrollment**

- 281 students currently

**Administrators Report presented by Dr. Faye Pleso, CEO and Principal**

- Charter renewal process discussed  
No anticipated concerns presented. Discussed the various priorities the renewal panel will assess/ inspect, including documents  
Gettysburg SD Renewal panel to arrive and initiate renewal process on December 17 2024  
***Site Development Project Update***
- Playground nearly complete. Awaiting final completion of slide and “spinners”
- Shed installation in progress, target date of completion TBD
- Fence Completed 10/24/24; awaiting cooperative “punch list” between GMCS and Contractor

**Employment**

- Staff Transitions
- Emily Lopez as PCA
  - \$16/ hour under 30 hours per week
  - [Tom Hockensmith Motioned](#)
  - Traci Elligson seconded the motion
  - All those present in favor of the motion

### **School Updates presented by Nicole Wilt, Executive Assistant to CEO**

- Book Fair - 8k in sales/ \$1893 in profit to the school
- Spirit wear store, \$2500 in sales. Potentially another in spring/ on site sales during field day
- Pictures completed. Awaiting final sales
- Coffee fundraiser ends week of 10/28/24
- Beef Jerky fundraiser – November
- Believe Kids catalogue Fundraiser– November/ December
- Skate Night- November 26 at Magic Elm
- Agricultural lab slated for 11/18/24
- Word kindness-11/13/24
- Veterans day – 11/13/24– Letters being sent to area veterans by students
- Gettysburg Parade was held October 22- school placed 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Nursing home drive in November Newsletter, be on the lookout
- Holiday Concert to be held at Gettysburg Area Middle School
- Holiday Shop will have a “team” this year and each person has a role
  - Chesapeake Bay Foundation
    - November 1 & 2 Friday and Saturday
    - November 1<sup>st</sup> students/staff
    - November 2<sup>nd</sup> Parents/ family invited
    - Plant a total of 600 trees each day

### **Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Consent Agenda
  - Previous financials
  - Meeting Minutes
  - Contract / Agreements Approvals,
- Tom Hockensmith Motioned to Approve
  - Traci Elligson Second the motion
  - All those present in favor of the motion

### **Chair Report**

Updated bylaws as required. Points of interest include but not limited to the following:

2.1 Composition

6.1 Membership

7.4 Audit committee – including an update prohibiting treasurer from being on Audit Committee

### **Finance Committee - Amy Brown, Rose Thornberry**

- Total Current “fun balance” at 1.7 million
- 268K in liabilities
- Debt ratio – 51.9 %
- ***Priority*** - form 363 from Gettysburg School District. All appropriate forms submitted within designated timeframe

from GMCS-> GSD. ***\*\*Continued follow up required on this matter to ensure appropriate resources are allocated***

**Governance Committee\*\***

- None

**New Business for the Good of the Order**

- None

**Public Comment**

- None

**Adjourned – Meeting recessed @ 7:49 PM by Rose Thornberry**