

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 21, 2024

Board Members Present

Elena King, President
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

President Elaina King called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

Old Business

None

Enrollment

- 279 students currently

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

- Exit surveys discussed: results include but not limited to:
Pros: the school is small, close to home, GMCS doing more than home district, stayed open during Covid
- Cons: fewer subs, high student/teacher ratio
- Gettysburg SD Renewal panel to arrive and initiate renewal process on December 17 2024

****Future Ready Index scoring discussed and reviewed****

Presented by Dr. Hogan

Board reviewed and discussed current trends
Board discussed different variables that affect scoring
Generally, trends are moving in favorable direction
Continue to monitor, and use as a reference base as needed

Site Development Project Update

- Playground completed.
- Fence Completed
- 11/25/24 – Parking lot milled
- 12/2/24- Repave lot
- Landscaping done
- Meeting slated for Monday 11/25/24 for pavilion
- Schedule meeting with architect in January for upcoming plans

Employment

- Staff Transitions
- **Kelsey Rudy** PCA to Teachers Assistant
 - \$17/ hour under 30 hours per week retroactive to 11/7/24
 - Tom Hockensmith Motioned
 - Traci Elligson seconded the motion
 - All those present in favor of the motion
 - **Kerri Weikert** – Long term sub
 - 25/ hour under 30 hours a week retroactive to 11/7/24
 - Rose Thornberry motioned
 - Gregory Colosimo seconded the motion
 - All those present in favor of the motion
- **Clinton Bittle**- Long term Sub
 - 25/ hour under 30 hours a week effective 11/22/24
 - Rose Thornberry motioned
 - Traci Elligson seconded the motion
 - All those present in favor of the motion

School Updates presented by Nicole Wilt, Executive Assistant to CEO

- Coffee fundraiser profit \$671.00
- Picture fundraiser profit \$3,300
- Stoney Point fundraiser – In progress
- Believe Kids catalogue Fundraiser– In progress
- Skate Night- November 26 at Magic Elm
- Holiday Shoppe starts 12/11/2024-12/19/2024
- Veterans day – Received 2 letters from area veterans
- Next spirit week in December

Consent Agenda

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

Chair Report

- Updated bylaws approved

- President Elaina King Motioned to Approve
- Member at Large Jeffery Sours Second the motion

Finance Committee - Amy Brown, Rose Thornberry, Jeffery Sours

- Fund Balance (\$1.8M, 51.2% of Revenues) and Debt Ratio (51.2%) exceeding benchmarks.
- 303K in liabilities
- Debt ratio – 51.9 %
- Fencing grant pending
- 15K social worker grant pending (likely)
- 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, as we have still not received resolution to this matter at date of this meeting

Governance Committee**

- None

New Business for the Good of the Order

- Vice Chair Rose Thornberry presented the option to form an exploratory committee to gain information on the best ways to retain a School Resource Officer for the future. All interested parties to notify Vice Chair Rose Thornberry if interested

Public Comment

- None

Adjourned – Meeting recessed @ 8:34 PM by Elena King