

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 23, 2024

Board Members Present

Elena King, President
Rose Thornberry, Vice Chair
Greg Colosimo, Secretary
Amy Brown, Treasurer
Jeffery Sours, Member at Large
Tom Hockensmith, Member at Large
Traci Elligson, Member at Large

Others Present

Faye Pleso, CEO and Principal
Tammy Hogan, Assistant Principal
Nicole Wilt, Executive Assistant
Stacy Fazenbaker, Food Service Director

Public

Jay Appleton, Project Facilitator
Robert Valent, PA Dept. of Environmental Protection

Call to Order

President Elena King called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM .

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

Old Business

NA

Enrollment

- 269 students currently

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

Robert Valent, PA EPA presentation of "Air Monitoring Station Partnership" on grounds of GMCS:

Ozone censor/ 25 censor needed for this location.
Discussed various pollutants and need to monitor
Can monitor status of air quality at PA DEP
website/ EPA Air now website
Approx size of station will be 8x6x12.
No cost to owner of property (GMCS)
Must sign a lease
Must agree on designated space/ location suitable
for station
Can use station as a Learning Center for students/
staff of GMCS

Questions can be forwarded to rvalent@pa.gov

Site Development Project Update

2024 recap/ current

- Fencing done
- Paving- 2 lots done
- Damaged lot repaved/re striped
- Playgrounds completed
- Safety Bridge for playground proposed

- 2 basketball hoops to be installed
- Storage shed – pre fab shed – will send for permit
- Outdoor classroom pavilions in planning stages
- 20k damage to parking lot will be deducted, GMCS will not pay this
- **Food Service update – presented by Stacy Fazenbaker**

School Food Authority audit results

5 corrective actions (including on site correction(s))

- **Health Inspection posted in multipurpose room**
- **Food staff must review safety plan**
- **Fridge/ freezer dated/ temp logs**
- **2 Milk options for each meal**
- **Calendar format for breakfast**

Employment

Staff Transitions

- **Sally Abma, Long Term Substitute**
- 25/ hour
- Elena King motioned
- Greg Colosimo seconded the motion
- All those present in favor of the motion

- **Lilly Forsyth, interim Counselor**
- 20/ hour stipend pay under 20 hours a week
- Tom Hockensmith motioned
- Amy Brown seconded the motion
- All those present in favor of the motion

School Updates presented by Nicole Wilt, Executive Assistant to CEO

- Stoney Point fundraiser = \$546 profit to school
- Holiday Shop – total loss of \$1,061- strategic planning for next year
- Catalog fundraiser – \$3,645 profit
- School choice week, week of 1/27/25
- February Hershey Park ticket incentive

- Getrude Hawk upcoming end of Feb/ early March
- Read across America in March
- Open House – February has 42 families registered; March has 6 families registered

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Consent Agenda
 - Previous financials
 - Meeting Minutes
 - Contract / Agreements Approvals,
- Motioned to Approve **postponed** until February 2025 meeting

Chair Report

N/A

Finance Committee - Amy Brown, Rose Thornberry

- Total Current “fund balance” at 1.88 million
- Total Current Liabilities at December 31st are \$326k,
- **GMCS Received money from GASD that was owed**
- **(Form 363)**
- GMCS is in a “financially healthy operating condition”
- Additional info can be reviewed within 01/23/2025 Finance report

Governance Committee**

- None

New Business for the Good of the Order

- Board Secretary Gregory Colosimo presented/ discussed the hiring of a school security officer, in accordance with DOE regulations and Pennsylvania security requirements. Gregory Colosimo presented articles that confirmed various school security and behavioral health grants that have been available. Gregory Colosimo also presented the board a “cheat Sheet” which provides insight to basic hiring/ staffing/ compliance of security staff within schools. President Elana King recommended obtaining information from appropriate companies (initially G-force/ INA security companies, and reaching out to others as needed/ necessary/ appropriate). Will follow up in February and/or march with information received. Board members Traci Elligson and Jeffery Sours agreed to provide assistance to this matter.

Public Comment

- None

Adjourned – Meeting recessed @ 8:05 PM by Elena King

