

SWAN RIVER MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

The school board will hold this meeting in person at Swan River Montessori Charter School with social distancing and optional masking in place. An option to join via Zoom will also be available.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 812 9553 7710

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Meeting Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER by Fanucci at 5:36 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

- a. Board members present: Halvorson, Fanucci, Anderson, Savage, Arnsdorf (remote), Jensen
- b. Board members absent: Liza Thomas
- c. Other attendees: Community and staff members

III. REVIEW OF SRMCS VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

The mission of Swan River Montessori Charter School is to provide a child-centered environment for self-directed and personalized learning in a small, community-based public school with an emphasis on the natural environment.

Swan River Montessori Charter School's vision is to employ an interdisciplinary approach to education by teaching the whole child (heart, mind, and soul). The Montessori learning environment is designed to foster this whole child approach by meeting the child's inherent needs of self-discovery, creativity, independence, and competence. Swan River Montessori Charter School will create a kind, respectful environment where each child has a sense of belonging. Learning at Swan River Montessori Charter School involves the student, the student's family, the teachers, and the larger community. Swan River supports family and community participation in each child's education by utilizing and appreciating community resources and the natural world as a learning environment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA- motion to approve by Anderson, 2nd Arnsdorf with amendment to add approval of contract with Osprey Wilds to new business. Roll Call vote: aye- Halvorson, aye- Fanucci, aye- Anderson, aye-Savage, aye-Arnsdorf, aye-Jensen

V. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS- none

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- a. 8.24.21 Minutes- Motion by Halvorson, 2nd Savage. Roll Call vote: aye- Halvorson, aye- Fanucci, aye- Anderson, aye-Savage, aye-Arnsdorf, aye-Jensen
- b.

VII. COMMUNITY COMMENTS-

VIII. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS - Fanucci shared Liza Thomas resigned from board via email. A call will go out via email for a new parent member. Fanucci will write up an email with an

application. The board will discuss at the October meeting and appoint a parent member to finish out the 2 year term.

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. August Financial Report – Dawn Jenkins shared a brief overview of the August financial report. Not much happens with the budget in August. Director Annette Vemuri suggested we have Dawn talk about the budget as it stands now with the lower enrollment than we budgeted for. Loss for current budget \$94,000. Fund balance going into the year was 24%. OW wants schools to be at 20%. Dawn suggests we need to reduce the budget. Not a lot we can do. Need to look at staffing. Vemuri talked to the staff about the possibility of reallocating staff from assistant to paras if there is a need. Dawn Jenkins will work with Annette and Jessica Frederiksen to look at how staff are allocated. Board will revisit the budget at the next meeting.

Motion to approve August financials- Motion Halvorson, 2nd Savage, Roll Call vote: aye- Halvorson, aye- Fanucci, aye- Anderson, aye-Savage, aye-Arnsdorf, aye-Jensen

b. Enrollment Numbers as of **9.16.21**

i. Charter School = 140- **changed to 138 by 9.21.21**

ii. Children's House = 10

iii. Pupil Unit Budget/Actual = 145/140

c. Review of Bills- Fanucci wonders about the \$20000 cost marked as web hosting. After a discussion it was determined that it is for JMC, a program we use for reporting to MDE. Also wondered about light bulbs- was purchased in bulk

d. Donations- Amazon Smile- Motion Savage, 2nd Halvorson, Roll Call Vote: aye- Halvorson, aye- Fanucci, aye- Anderson, aye-Savage, aye-Arnsdorf, aye-Jensen

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X. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION REPORT AS RELATED TO CONTRACTED GOALS

Anderson shared he is still waiting to hear about the approval of the Environmental Learning Plan from Osprey Wilds. EE staff committee will meet this week.

XI. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REPORT AS RELATED TO CONTRACTED GOALS

MCA data was just released. Will need to compare to our contracted goals and how our students did overall. FastBridge testing is mostly completed. Bill has provided staff with detailed reports to lead teachers as students complete the tests.

XII. STRATEGIC PLANNING & GOAL SETTING

To get word out about our school and increase enrollment both currently and for next year, Swan River will participate in the Monticello Trick or Treat Downtown event at the end of October. Arnsdorf suggests reaching out to the area preschools to open communication and welcome their upcoming students as feeder schools.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Equal Educational Opportunity Policy- reviewed, no changes

b. Financial and Cash Management Policy- reviewed, no changes

c. Compensation for Substitutes Policy- Tabled until October meeting. Vemuri will review and come back with suggested policy changes

d. Internet Use- reviewed, no changes

- e. Application & Enrollment Procedures Policy-change bethb@swanrivermontessori to info@swanrivermontessori.org Motion by Savage, 2nd Halvorson, Roll Call Vote: aye- Halvorson, aye- Fanucci, aye- Anderson, aye-Savage, aye-Arnsdorf, aye-Jensen
- f. Approve Contract with OW- Motion to approve revised contract with OW by Jensen, 2nd Halvorson, Roll Call Vote: aye- Halvorson, aye- Fanucci, aye- Anderson, aye-Savage, aye-Arnsdorf, aye-Jensen

XIV. OLD BUSINESS

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XV. REVIEW OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- a. Date, Time & Location of next Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 12 , 2021 at 5:30 PM at Swan River Montessori
- b. Upcoming Agenda Items- Board will need to review the schedule of what policies are reviewed and when to make sure they are being reviewed bi-annually
 - Whistleblowers Policy
 - Religious Expressions Policy
 - Credit Card Policy
 - Approve and Submit Annual Report to MDE, Authorizer

XVI. MOTION TO ADJOURN by Arnsdorff, 2nd Halvorson at 6:35 pm, Roll Call Vote: aye- Halvorson, aye- Fanucci, aye- Anderson, aye-Savage, aye-Arnsdorf, aye-Jensen