

**SWAN RIVER MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL**

**School Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022 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: 895 1868 3174

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**Meeting Agenda**

**I. CALL TO ORDER by Franco Fanucci at 5:33 PM**

**II. ROLL CALL**

- a. Board members present: Franco Fanucci, Aaron Stonestreet, Amy Savage, Julie Halvorson, Amy Jensen, Lynn Arnsdorf (remote)
- b. Board members absent: Bill Anderson
- c. Other attendees: Director Annette Vemuri, Dawn Jenkins from TAG

**III. REVIEW OF SRMCS MISSION AND VISION 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 Savage, Second by Stonestreet. Roll Call Vote- Fanucci-aye, Stonestreet-aye, Savage-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye

**V. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS**

**VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

- a. 12.14.21 Minutes- Motion to approve Halvorson, Second by Savage. Roll Call Vote- Fanucci-aye, Stonestreet-aye, Savage-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye

**VII. COMMUNITY COMMENTS -**

**VIII. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS** - Email from Bill Anderson that he resigns from the board due to conflicts with board meeting dates. Franco will send something to Annette to put out a call for a new teacher board member to the licensed teacher staff.

**IX. FINANCIAL REPORT**

- a. December Financial Report – 50% through the year. In a healthy cash position still. State owes SRMCS only \$2000 from last year. Revenues 40%. \$22,000 check needs to be shifted from school account to building company as it was deposited incorrectly at bank. Admin costs 52%- nothing out of the ordinary. All areas are on target from the time of year. Dawn recommends looking at revising the budget to reflect the higher enrollment and will bring a draft to the next board meeting. Motion to approve by Halvorson, Second by Stonestreet. Roll Call Vote- Fanucci-aye, Stonestreet-aye, Savage-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye
- b. Enrollment Numbers as of **1.13.22**
  - i. Charter School (K-6) = 147
  - ii. Children’s House (EC) = 10
  - iii. Pupil Unit Actual/Budget = 147/141
- c. Review of Bills

**X. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION REPORT AS RELATED TO CONTRACTED GOALS** - The EE committee is trying to get someone to come in to talk to the students about the swans that winter in Monticello.

**XI. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REPORT AS RELATED TO CONTRACTED GOALS**

- a. Fastbridge Winter Assessments underway - data will be shared at next board meeting

**XII. STRATEGIC PLANNING & GOAL SETTING-** Director evaluation needs to start in Feb. Add to next agenda

**XIII. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Background Check Policy- Vemuri presented a draft policy to the board. Arnsdorf suggested being more specific in the action school will take depending on what might come up in the background check, Vemuri suggested adding that to the parent handbook. She will bring it to the next board meeting. Policy tabled until next meeting to give the board more time to review the policy.
- b. Review Tuition & Extended Care Rates for Next School Year- comparables provided by Amy Savage-
  - Extended Care–Annette Vemuri suggests morning extended care start at 7:30 am and be a flat fee of \$6 next school year. Suggests flat fee \$8 for 3:30-5:30 care. Drop in rate \$12 hour AM or PM. Another option AM= \$8 PM=\$10 and Drop-in=\$12. Board discussed how this ½ hour AM change will affect families that come in the morning. Just a few families use care from 7-7:30. Running into problem with staff that do AM ext. care need to leave before the end of the school day to not go over 8 hours plus cost of paying staff to be there is more than revenue brought in. Ext Care does not have a supply budget. Suggested we charge a registration fee to cover supply costs. Board would like to know the costs and revenue for just ext care to determine what flat rate would be best. Budget needs to have Ext Care separate from EC program. Annette will work with Dawn on this and bring to the board. Tabled for next meeting.

Tuition- Lynn suggests \$675 for next year and do smaller bumps each year. Board will review costs at Nov. meeting annually. Motion to increase tuition cost to \$675 for FY23 and yearly review in Nov. by Arnsdorf, Second by Savage. Roll Call Vote- Fanucci-aye, Stonestreet-aye, Savage-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Open Meeting Law Refresher- OW Sounding Boards
- b. Crisis Management Policy- Motion to remove legal references and change wording on page 14 to say “the designated location or the school building...” by Jensen, Second by Stonestreet. Roll Call Vote-Fanucci-aye, Stonestreet-aye, Savage-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye
- c. Search of Student Lockers/Desks/Personal Possessions/Student’s Person Policy- reviewed, no changes
- d. Student Discipline Policy- Motion to change typos in policy by Stonestreet, Second Savage. Roll Call Vote- Fanucci-aye, Stonestreet-aye, Savage-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye
- e. Mid-Year Student Enrollment Policy- reviewed, no changes
- f. List of Professional Development for Staff-  
1/21/22: FastBridge training for lead teachers  
2/11/22: Montessori Scope and Sequence, speech pathology qualification progress, para training

**XV. REVIEW OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

- a. Date, Time & Location of next Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 5:30 PM at Swan River Montessori.
- b. Upcoming Agenda Items-  
Approve School Calendar for Next Year  
Confirm Auditor Contract  
Employee Right to Know – Exposure to Hazardous Materials Policy  
Internet Acceptable Use & Safety Policy  
Initial Identification of English Language Learners (ELL Students)  
Director Review  
Old Business

**XVI. MOTION TO ADJOURN by Savage, 2nd by Halvorson at 7:16 pm. Roll Call vote- Fanucci-aye, Stonestreet-aye, Savage-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye**