

SWAN RIVER MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

The school board will hold this meeting in person at Swan River Montessori Charter School in the music room in the 503 Maple St. building 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 Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER by Franco Fanucci at 5:32 PM

II. ROLL CALL

- a. Board members present: Franco Fanucci, Aaron Stonestreet (remote), Julie Halvorson, Amy Savage, Amy Jensen (remote), Lynn Arnsdorf (remote)
- b. Board members absent: none
- c. Other attendees: Annette Vemuri-school director, Dawn Jenkins-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 by Savage, Seconded by Halvorson. Roll Call Vote- Fanucci-aye, Stonestreet-aye, Halvorson-aye, Savage-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye

V. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS- none declared

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- a. 1.18.22 Minutes- Motion to approve by Halvorson, Seconded by Savage. Roll Call Vote- Fanucci-aye, Stonestreet-aye, Halvorson-aye, Savage-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye

VII. COMMUNITY COMMENTS - none

VIII. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS - Stonestreet and Arnsdorff shared an email from a parent about the OW E2 overnight field trip. The parent is concerned about the trip being canceled due to masking objections from parents. The parent also inquired into future plans to return to attending the overnight at the OW center as we have in years past. Director Vemuri shared some background on how plans evolved and that SRMCS is back on schedule to return to the OW center in FY23.

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. January Financial Report – Healthy cash on hand, allocations from MDE has additional revenue, additional revenue from higher ADM, additional revenue will be rolled over to next year’s budget, if go above budget on Sp. Ed. budget will get reimbursed by the end of the year from state holdback, overall expenditures 44% of budget, Dawn is happy with where we are right now with our budget. Franco and Stonestreet had questions about expenditures which were explained by Dawn on being related to sp. ed. and state holdback. She assured the board that it was as it should be and would be back in the black at the end of the year. Motion to approve by Stonestreet, Seconded by Savage. Roll Call Vote- Fanucci-aye, Stonestreet-aye, Halvorson-aye, Savage-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye
- b. Enrollment Numbers as of **2.18.22**
 - i. Charter School (K-6) = 147
 - ii. Children’s House (EC) = 11
 - iii. Pupil Unit Actual/Budget = 147/141
- c. Review of Bills
- d. Donations- Annette will prepare a list of donations for the board to approve at the March meeting

X. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION REPORT AS RELATED TO CONTRACTED GOALS - Bill is writing an environmental education column for “The Swan” each week. A park clean-up is scheduled for April for Earth Day. Information about this event is included in “The Swan” as well.

XI. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REPORT AS RELATED TO CONTRACTED GOALS

- a. Fastbridge Winter Assessments - Fastbridge winter assessments are complete. Our percentage reading growth is 41% and math is 43%. Our target goal is 50%. We are still approaching our OW goal. Director Vemuri shared the additional supports such as RTI (response to intervention) reading groups for E2 and funds available for summer school for students not identified as needing special education services, but would benefit from additional targeted learning in the summer.

XII. STRATEGIC PLANNING & GOAL SETTING-

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Background Check Policy- Motion to approve Background Check Policy by Savage, Seconded by Halvorson. Roll Call Vote- Fanucci-aye, Stonestreet-aye, Halvorson-aye, Savage-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Teacher Board Member Applications- 2 applications were received- Amy Klug & Nicole Perez, 3-4 months for interim teacher board member until election is held in May, the board discussed that both are good candidates- Motion to appoint Nicole Perez by Savage, Seconded by Halvorson. Roll Call Vote- Franco-aye, Stonestreet-aye, Savage-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf- nay. The board encourages both candidates to apply for the full term seat in the spring.

- b. Current school year calendar change- April 1st is currently a half day. Vemuri asked if we want to convert it to a full day or a school day? Motion to convert April 1st to a full day of school by Jensen- board discussed and decided to leave the day as early release as approved previously, no Second made. Motion dies.
- c. Approve School Calendar for Next Year- Board discussed early release days for FY23, also need to start school earlier as our bus students come earlier now as Monticello changed the start time of their elementary level. Board tabled the approval of the calendar until the March meeting pending more information about the total instructional hours needed, how many the current FY23 calendar has, & what would changing the start time do to the instructional hours. Vemuri will prepare and bring it to the next meeting.
- d. Confirm Auditor Contract- they are in contact with Dawn, Vemuri will reach out to Dawn about this.
- e. Employee Right to Know – Exposure to Hazardous Materials Policy- Stonestreet had questions about training for hazards and bloodborne pathogens. Vemuri shared these training sessions are done during teacher workshop week. No changes- reviewed
- f. Internet Acceptable Use & Safety Policy- No changes- reviewed
- g. Initial Identification of English Language Learners (ELL Students)- Motion to approve with correct spelling of “statute” in first line under the bold heading by Savage, Seconded by Stonestreet. Roll Call Vote- Fanucci-aye, Stonestreet-aye, Halvorson-aye, Savage-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye
- h. School Director Performance Evaluation- Board discussed the timeline for the director’s evaluation. Board members will submit a question they would like to suggest for the director’s evaluation to Arnsdorf. Arnsdorf will compile them and bring them to the March meeting to be discussed by the board. Motion to make the following changes to policy- December & March : Staff is provided with a job satisfaction survey: Person Responsible- School director. Motion by Jensen, Second by Savage. Roll Call Vote- Fanucci-aye, Stonestreet-aye, Halvorson-aye, Savage-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye

XV. REVIEW OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- a. Date, Time & Location of next Board Meeting – Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 5:30 PM at Swan River Montessori. NOTE: this is a change to the previous published meeting date.
- b. Upcoming Agenda Items-
 - New Business
 - Review Assumptions and Preliminary Numbers for Upcoming Budget Year
 - Disposal of Equipment & Materials Policy
 - Student Medication Policy
 - School Weapons Policy
 - Annual Board Training
 - Prepare for Elections

 - Old Business
 - Approve FY23 calendar
 - Director Evaluation

XVI. MOTION TO ADJOURN by Savage, Seconded by Halvorson at 7:22 pm. Roll Call vote- Fanucci-aye, Stonestreet-aye, Halvorson-aye, Savage-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye