

**SWAN RIVER MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL**

**School Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 14, 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: 828 2420 8306

**Meeting Agenda**

**I. CALL TO ORDER by Franco Fanucci at 5:30 PM**

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

**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-** Julie motions to approve the agenda with the addition under old business of the background check policy, Amy S. seconds. Role Call for Votes: Halvorson-aye, Savage-aye, Fanucci-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye, Stonestreet-aye. Motion passes unanimously

**V. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS**

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

- a. 10.12.21 Minutes- Amy S moves, Julie Second- Role Call for Votes: Halvorson-aye, Savage-aye, Fanucci-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye, Stonestreet-aye. Motion passes unanimously
- b. 10.26.21 Minutes- Franco Fanucci suggests adding the date of the next meeting agenda at the end of agenda. Amy S motions, Julie seconds. Role Call for Votes: Halvorson-aye, Savage-aye, Fanucci-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye, Stonestreet-aye. Motion passes unanimously

**VII. COMMUNITY COMMENTS** - Franco said he was asked by a parent if the school could have a dashboard showing the total number of new cases at the school by week. Suggested it could be on the website or a Google document linked to the weekly email. Annette says she would need help with it as there is less help in the office. Amy S. suggested adding it to The Swan weekly newsletter. This was more doable for the office staff.

**VIII. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS -**

**IX. FINANCIAL REPORT**

- a. October Financial Report –everything looks good with the budget through October. Motion to accept Oct. financials made by Amy J, 2nd by Amy S.- Role Call for Votes: Halvorson-aye, Savage-aye, Fanucci-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye, Stonestreet-aye. Motion passes unanimously
- b. November Financial Report- revenue on track, special ed money lagging but will come later, expenditures at 36% which is good, projecting a little deficit but fund balance is good. Motion to accept Nov. financials made by Aaron S, 2nd by Amy S. Role Call for Votes: Halvorson-aye, Savage-aye, Fanucci-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye, Stonestreet-aye. Motion passes unanimously
- c. Enrollment Numbers as of **12.9.21**
  - i. Charter School (K-6) = 147
  - ii. Children’s House (EC) = 10
  - iii. Pupil Unit Budget/Actual = 141/147
- d. Review of Bills

**X. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION REPORT AS RELATED TO CONTRACTED GOALS**

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

- a. FY21 MCA Data- Director Vemuri shared FY21 MCA scores. SRMCS student achievement scores for math fall as students progress through the grades. Reading scores are typically better than state for all grades. Vemuri also shared FastBridge scores. Same trend seen in math scores. Also concerning is reading scores. Interventions in place for both reading and math across grade levels. Next FastBridge progress monitoring will be in January. Vemuri will present that data at Feb. meeting.

**XII. STRATEGIC PLANNING & GOAL SETTING**

**XIII. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Background checks- SRMCS lacks background check policy which OW would like us to have. Annette says OW did not have samples. Annette found samples online, but did those do not specifically say what would be done if something comes up and are pretty general. Annette will draft the policy and board will vote on it at Jan. meeting.

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Sounding Board Issue 23- reviewed, our elections are conducted appropriately
- b. Chemical Use & Abuse Policy- reviewed, no changes
- c. Family & Medical Leave Policy- motion to approve with typo correction on lasting heading of the policy by Aaron, 2nd by Lynn-Role Call for Votes: Halvorson-aye, Savage-aye, Fanucci-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye, Stonestreet-aye. Motion passes unanimously

- d. Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School Policy- motion to remove legal and cross references made by Amy S. , 2nd by Julie- Role Call for Votes: Halvorson-aye, Savage-aye, Fanucci-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye, Stonestreet-aye. Motion passes unanimously
- e. Review Tuition & Extended Care Rates for Next School Year- Amy S did research of local schools and what they charge for extended care. She will share that information with Annette. Do a daily rate vs. hourly? Lynn proposes a flat fee for morning, afternoon, and both. Table for now and look at other comparables. EC tuition is very low compared to other private programs and EC programs. Need to see other comparables. Amy S. will research comparables and bring to January board meeting.

**XV. REVIEW OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

- a. Date, Time & Location of next Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 5:30 PM at Swan River Montessori
- b. Upcoming Agenda Items-
  - Open Meeting Law Refresher- OW Sounding Boards
  - Crisis Management Policy
  - Search of Student Lockers/Desks/Personal Possessions/Student's Person Policy
  - Student Discipline Policy
  - Mid-Year Student Enrollment Policy
  - List of Professional Development for Staff
  - Background Check Policy- up for adoption
  - EC and Ext Care rates

**XVI. MOTION TO ADJOURN by Amy S., Julie 2nd at 6:52 pm.** Role Call for Votes: Halvorson-aye, Savage-aye, Fanucci-aye, Jensen-aye, Arnsdorf-aye, Stonestreet-aye. Motion passes unanimously