

SWAN RIVER MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL

School Board Meeting

Thursday, March 24, 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 Aaron Stonestreet at 5:36 PM

II. ROLL CALL

- a. Board members present: Lynn Arnsdorf, Aaron Stonestreet, Amy Savage (left meeting at 6:55 pm), Amy Jensen, Julie Halvorson
- b. Board members absent: Franco Fanucci
- c. Other attendees: Jessica Frederiksen, Dawn Jenkins, Nicole Perez (sworn in as new member following Feb. Financial report)

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 Jensen, Seconded by Savage. Roll Call Vote- Arnsdorf-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Savage-aye, Stonestreet-aye

V. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS-none

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- a. 2.22.22 Minutes- Motion to approve by Savage , Seconded by Halvorson . Roll Call Vote-Arnsdorf-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Savage-aye, Stonestreet-aye

VII. COMMUNITY COMMENTS - none

VIII. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS - none

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. February Financial Report – 67% of the way through the year. As of Feb revenues at 53% which is where we should be. Still waiting on funds from MDE. Expenses at 63% looking good there. Cash is getting lower which is typical for this year due to hold-back. Will go back up in August. Received all plus more from hold-back from last year. No concerns for this month or for the end of the year. Will have a little bit of a loss. Nothing new with the bills. Motion to approve by Jensen, Seconded by Halvorson. Roll Call Vote-Roll Call Vote-Arnisdorf-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Savage-aye, Stonestreet-aye
- b. Swearing in of new board member, Nicole Perez
- c. FY23 Proposed Budget- Motion to approve FY23 budget by Stonestreet, Seconded by Arnisdorff. Board then discussed the sustainability of the pay scale proposed that was used for the FY23 budget. Dawn says it will be sustainable. Roll Call Vote- Roll Call Vote-Arnisdorf-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Perez-aye, Savage-aye, Stonestreet-aye
- d. Enrollment Numbers as of **3.18.22**
 - i. Charter School (K-6) = 147
 - ii. Children’s House (EC) = 11
 - iii. Pupil Unit Actual/Budget = 147/141
- e. Review of Bills
- f. Donations- Motion to approve by Stonestreet, Seconded by Savage. Roll Call Vote- Arnisdorf-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Perez-aye, Savage-aye, Stonestreet-aye

X. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION REPORT AS RELATED TO CONTRACTED GOALS - tabled discussion of 2021 – 2022 ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY PLAN to next meeting.

XI. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REPORT AS RELATED TO CONTRACTED GOALS

Begin MCA for 3-6th grade in April

XII. STRATEGIC PLANNING & GOAL SETTING-

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Approve School Calendar for Next Year- Board discussed with Director Annette converting early release days to either whole days of school or a whole day off. Charter schools are only required to go by instructional hours per year. With proposed calendar would have about 987 hours. Required hours is 935. Leaves wiggle room for weather delays/cancellations. Motion to approve proposed FY23 calendar with March 30 as an additional day off with March 31 off as well by Perez, Seconded by Savage. Roll Call Vote- Arnisdorf-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Perez-aye, Savage-aye, Stonestreet-aye
- b.
- c. School Director Performance Evaluation- Lynn got director evaluation questions from previous years as well as 3 questions proposed by board members. Lynn proposes to add these questions to the previous questions. Annette will provide staff survey and her self evaluation by **Apr 15, 2022**. She will send the staff survey out with a one week deadline. Motion to add additional 3 questions to director self evaluation by Jensen, Seconded by Halvorson. Roll Call Vote- Arnisdorf-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Perez-aye, Savage-aye, Stonestreet-aye.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Swearing in of New Teacher Board Member- Nicole Perez. Motion to move this agenda item to fall after Feb financial report made by Savage, Seconded by Halvorson. Roll Call Vote- Arnisdorf-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Savage-aye, Stonestreet-aye.

- b. Call for Discovery Team volunteer- Discovery Team is looking for a board member to be part of the team that will look at what the school community will want to do in the future once the contract with the MCC is done in 2025. Table for next meeting.
- c. SRMCS Charter Enrollment- no longer applicable.
- d. PACT's 2019 Teacher and Paraprofessional Wage Comparison Survey Results- discussed during FY23 budget discussion
- e. Disposal of Equipment & Materials Policy - no changes, reviewed
- f. Student Medication Policy- no changes, reviewed
- g. School Weapons Policy- no changes, reviewed
- h. Prepare for Elections- Franco updated the board on the timeline for elections via an email as he couldn't be at the meeting.

XV. REVIEW OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- a. Date, Time & Location of next Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 5:30 PM at Swan River Montessori.
- b. Upcoming Agenda Items-
 - New Business
 - Contract Review of Special Education Director
 - Student Sex Non-Discrimination Policy
 - Hazing Prohibition Policy
 - Purchase of Group Health Insurance Policy

 - Old Business/Tabled Items
 - EE Goals
 - Discovery Team Board Member need- Strategic Planning and Goal Setting

XVI. MOTION TO ADJOURN by Perez, Seconded by Halvorson at 7:27 pm. Roll Call vote- Arnsdorf-aye, Halvorson-aye, Jensen-aye, Perez-aye, Stonestreet-aye.