

SWAN RIVER MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL
School Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7:30 a.m.

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

An option to join via Zoom will also be available.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER by at ___ Fanucci ___ at ___ 7:36 ___ AM

II. ROLL CALL

- a. Board Members Present: Nicole Perez, Julie Halvorson, Amy Savage, Franco Fanucci
- b. Board Members Absent: Rick Freese
- c. Other Attendees: Annette Vemuri (SRMCS director), Bridget Peterson (accountant)

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 agenda made by Savage, Seconded by Halvorson. Board Vote- all aye

V. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS- none

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- a. 10.11..22- Motion to approve agenda made by Perez, Seconded by Savage. Board Vote- all aye

VII. COMMUNITY COMMENTS - none

VIII. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Resignation of Aaron Stonestreet- The board accepts the resignation of Aaron Stonestreet. The board will seek an interim parent board member.
- b. Staff requesting if we can label the doors with a number or a letter. Board discussed and decided it was a good idea for safety reasons and to let the community know what door to come to when visiting the school. Annette will check with the building board.

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. October Financial Report – End of June fund balance projected to meet policy and be about 23%. Motion to approve October financials made by Savage, Seconded by Havolson . Board Vote- all aye
- b. November Financial Report– Bridget walked the board through the financial report. The school is still at a good place financially. Perez just wants to make sure we aren't surprised at the end of the year and find out we are over budget again like FY22. Bridget says she is working closely with Annette to make sure it doesn't happen again. Motion to approve November financials made by Halvorson , Seconded by Perez . Board Vote- all aye
- c. Enrollment Numbers as of 12.9.22
 - i. Charter School (K-6) = 166
 - ii. Children's House (EC) = 13
 - iii. Pupil Unit Actual/Budget = 166/163
- d. Review of Bills- no concerns
- e. Donations- Motion to approve donations made by Savage, Seconded by Halvorson . Board Vote- all aye

X. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION REPORT AS RELATED TO CONTRACTED GOALS -

- a. The EE Committee is creating a nature library at Swan River. Although it not an Osprey Wilds EE goal, it is part of the school's commitment to environmental education.
- b. Bill will have results from Indicator Area 1 and Indicator Area 2 from our Environmental Literacy Plan (ELPlan) ready for the January board meeting.

XI. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REPORT AS RELATED TO CONTRACTED GOALS

- a. SRMCS will start the second round of Fastbridge testing in January. This is for progress monitoring. Fall to Fall scores are reported to Osprey Wilds so the winter scores are for in house information.

XII. STRATEGIC PLANNING & GOAL SETTING

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Religious Expressions Policy- reviewed, no changes
- b. Parent/Student Handbook- Motion to approve Parent/Student Handbook with changes to Student Dress section to mirror the separate policy made by Halvorson, Second by Savage. Board Vote- all aye
- c. Student Dress Policy- Motion to approve Student Dress Policy with minor wording changes and delete the disciplinary actions sections made by Perez, Second by Savage. Board Vote- all aye
- d. School vs. PTO fundraisers- The PTO asked about the fundraiser policy and wanted to know if the policy needs to be revised. The board wonders if there is a state statute that restricts how many fundraisers a public school can have or if it was just something the student decided.

Annette will look into it. Or could the policy have a separate number of fundraisers for PTO vs the school.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resignation of Aaron Stonestreet, parent board member. The board thanks Aaron for his service to the school as a parent board member. The school will post that we are seeking a parent board member and application will be included in the school communication email this week.
- b. WBWF Summary- reviewed, was included in the annual report for OW, has been submitted to MDE
- c. 2022 Parent Satisfaction Survey Results- reviewed by board. Franco suggests the survey be sent in a separate email as well as included in The Swan to make sure it is seen by all parents.
- d. Compensation Committee Update- no update
- e. Annual Board Training- no updates
- f. Use & Rental of School Facilities Policy- reviewed, no changes
- g. Caseload for Special Education Policy- reviewed, no changes
- h. Bullying Prohibition Policy- reviewed, no changes
- i. Mid-Year Student Enrollment Policy- reviewed, no changes
- j. Extended Care for Staff Children Policy- reviewed, no changes
- k. Religion Policy- reviewed, no changes
- l. Review Tuition & Extended Care Rates for Next School Year- Current FY23 tuition for EC is \$680. Savage motions to increase tuition to \$700 for FY24, Second by Halvorson . Board Vote- ayes 4, Nay- 1. Motion carries.
- m. Approve Final Audit, Send to MDE- not completed yet by CLA. Tabled to January.
- n. Protection & Privacy of Pupil Records Policy- tabled
- o. Review Articles of Incorporation- tabled
- p. Review Board of Directors Bylaws- tabled

XV. REVIEW OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- a. Date, Time & Location of next Board Meeting – January 24th, 2023 at 5:30 PM at Swan River Montessori.
- b. Upcoming Agenda Items-

New Business

School Director Performance Evaluation
Attendance Policy
 Equal Employment Policy
 Disability Non-Discrimination Policy
 Harassment and Violence Policy
 Student Disability Non-Discrimination Policy
List of Professional Development for Staff

Old Business/Tabled Items

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XVI. MOTION TO ADJOURN by Savage at 8:38 am, Seconded by Halvorson. Board Vote- all aye