

# 2024-2025 VOTING GUIDE

**THE CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**ELECTION PERIOD – March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 11<sup>th</sup>**

## **Introduction and Voter Eligibility**

This Voting Guide will give everyone in the Swan River community information on all the candidates to assist in the election voting.

**\*\*\*No one may have more than one vote.**

Voter eligibility will be limited to:

- ✓ Any parent (natural, step, or foster) or any legal guardian of a student enrolled at SRMCS shall have one vote.
- ✓ All SRMCS staff members employed at the school, including teachers providing instruction under a cooperative, shall have one vote.

## **The Overall Function of the Board**

Board members have both a legal duty and ethical obligation to ensure that SRMCS carries out its mission, vision, and goals. The SRMCS Mission Statement reads as follows: 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. Therefore, as part of the Board of Directors, individual board members should think of themselves as stewards of the school – responsible for the long-term viability of SRMCS. Whether a parent, teacher, or community member, Directors do not represent particular constituencies, but rather, focus on the overriding interests and welfare of SRMCS.

## **Board Structure and Open Seats**

To be in compliance with our Bylaws (Bylaws posted at [www.swanrivermontessori.org](http://www.swanrivermontessori.org)), The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than five (5) non-related nor more than nine (9) members. We must have at least one (1) parent/legal guardians, at least one (1) teachers and one (1) community member to fill roles on our Board. These are briefly defined as follows:

- ✓ **Community Member:** An individual with an interest in quality education who does not have a child attending the school, nor is employed by the school.
- ✓ **Parent/Legal Guardian:** An individual who is a parent or legal guardian of a currently enrolled student at SRMCS.
- ✓ **Teacher:** An individual who is currently employed as a licensed teacher at SRMCS.

You will be electing:



- One (1) teacher, for a three-year term (June 2025 - May 2028)

**\*\*\*Voting will be conducted electronically via ElectionBuddy.com.**

**\*\*\*You will receive an email on March 3<sup>st</sup> with information on how to cast your vote.**

For teacher seat (pick up to one ):



### **Needs of the Board**

Areas of expertise that are helpful to a potential Board member: (Board members are NOT required to have any or all of these skills or backgrounds. These are simply suggestions):

- Experience in legal workings
- Experience in finance
- Experience in facility management
- Experience in governance
- Experience in human resources