

GOVERNANCE BOARD MINUTES

CHIPPEWA VALLEY MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 | 6:00-8:45 p.m. | CVMCS LMC

1. Meeting Call to Order

- a. 6:13 p.m. due to ice breaker activity beforehand.

2. Compliance with Open Meeting Law Notification (WI Stat. 19.84(2))

The meeting is being held in-person and virtually, and is available to be joined:

By Microsoft Teams: <https://bit.ly/cvmcsgb>

3. Roll Call - Verification of Quorum

1. Mindy Braun - present
2. Josh Christianson - not present
3. Jillian Gottsacker - present
4. Pam Hermodson - ex officio - present
5. Nick Foiles - present
6. Frank Fucile - not present
7. Becky Johnson - present
8. Melissa Kleven - present
9. Amanda Palser - not present
11. Sara Meeks - present
12. Nichole Smith - present
13. Jef Whitfield - present
14. Rebekah Moua - present

4. Public Participation/Forum

Adrienne Shepard

5. Montessori Fun Fact - Identity Committee: Presented by Melissa Kleven.

6. Group Ice Breaker: Performed prior to the start of the meeting.

7. Consent Resolution Agenda

[For the consent agenda, the Board has been furnished with background material on each item or has discussed it at a previous meeting. These will be acted upon with one vote without discussion. If a Board Member wants to discuss any item, it will be pulled out of the consent agenda and voted on separately.]

- a. Governance Board Minutes: [September 11, 2023](#)
 - i. Motion to approve by Nichole Smith, seconded by Jef Whitfield, passed unanimously.
- b. Executive Committee Notes: [September 15, 2023](#)
 - i. Motion to approve by *, seconded by *, passed unanimously.

8. Principal's Report

Discussed documentation of academics and behavior (starts 6 weeks after the start of school). A number of field trips planned for the year. Adopted new foundational skills curriculum, 30 min per grade.

9. Committee and Other Reports

- a. Executive Committee - Sara Meeks: Met Sept. 15, 2023. Discussed construction around the school, no timeframe for completion, and effects on pickup/drop off.
- b. Identity Committee - Nichole Smith and Melissa Kleven: Pam Hermodson and Amanda Palser met with the Parent Group to discuss funding for national/regional educational seminars for staff.
- c. Communications Committee - Sara Meeks: Volunteer Open House on October 5th, 2023, 2 one hour sessions at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Will present different volunteer options at the school.
- d. EDI Committee - Jef Whitfield: Group did not meet.
- e. Board Development Committee - Josh Christianson: Met after the previous meeting. Asking Governance Board members if there are any topics they would like us to discuss. Asking GB members to reach out to people as we are looking to fill a community member role.
- f. Parent Group - Sara Meeks: Discussed teacher development seminars during Identity Committee time. During school events/parent education nights, the school and/or the Parent Group cannot pay for child care. We had a successful Fall Family Day/Mum pick up on September 30, 2023. Family conferences are October 12, 2023. Mallernative is on November 11, 2023. Dept. of Revenue requests information on vendors. Funding for math interventionists was approved. Discussed reimbursement for teacher grant money.
- g. Strategic Change Task Force - No Update

10. Items for Discussion / Action

- a. Governance Board oversight responsibilities - Sara Meeks: Discussed having more visibility regarding changes in curriculum, being included in hiring decisions, requirements and expectations for training for new hires.
- b. Review of Governance Board Calendar: updates and action items: Board Development requesting topics for discussion. Parent Education night November 9, 2023. Family conferences October 12, 2023. Mallernative is November 11, 2023. EDI to provide information to the School Board in May 2024 regarding goals/progress.

11. Other Business

- a. Sara Meeks: Discussed news regarding the Wisconsin Department of Education awarding WDPI grant money to support Wisconsin Charter Schools.

12. Board Education - Survey distributed to members

13. Adjourn to Committee work (7:14 p.m.-8:45 p.m.)

- a. Moved to adjourn by Nick Foiles, seconded by Becky Johnson, passed unanimously at 7:14 p.m.

Committee Breakout Session:

<p><u>Montessori Identity</u> Melissa Kleven - <i>co-chair</i> Nichole Smith - <i>co-chair</i> Becky Johnson Amanda Palser Janelle Solberg</p>	<p><u>Equity, Diversity & Inclusion</u> Jef Whitfield - <i>chair</i> Frank Fucile Rebekah Moua Pam Hermodson TJ Pavey Hannah Hidaka Ji Eun Kim - waiting for confirmation</p>	<p><u>Communications</u> Sara Meeks - <i>chair</i> Jillian Gottsacker</p>	<p><u>Board Development</u> Josh Christianson - <i>chair</i> Mindy Braun Nick Foiles</p>
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