October 7, 2014 5:45 pm

Board Meeting Minutes

Location: LMS Office, 15 Celadon Drive, Beaufort SC

*Lowcountry Montessori School's mission is to increase access to an authentic Montessori-based education in Beaufort and Jasper Counties. Our staff and parents will collaborate to foster the development of independent, well-rounded, academically-prepared and responsible citizens. LMS is committed to creating an environment that inspires children to become lifelong learners and creative problem solvers for the 21st Century and beyond.*

Voting Board Members in Attendance: Katherine Winn, Eileen Bertagna and Jill Weaver and Warren Engle and Eve Fleming.

Public Meeting

Call to Order- Eve Fleming

Reading of Mission Statement.

* + - Approval of the Agenda, Motions from, Warren Engle, seconded by Jill Weaver.
    - Statement of Compliance with Freedom of Information Act - Notification of the Media

**Seating of New Board**

Explanation of voting process overlooked application Bylaws allow Board appointment as Janice Johnson.

All applicants appointed to board as there were more seats available than applicants. All Board Members Voted in to empty seats. All in Favor, Zero opposed.

55 Votes came in

**Vote to appoint Janet Johnson as additional new Board Member**

Eve moved to appoint Janice Johnson to the Board. All in Favor. Zero Opposed

**Moved into Executive Session, about 30 minutes**

**Adjourned Executive Session**

Pia move to nominate the slate

Warren – Chair

Eve – Co-Chair

Katherine- Treasurer

Eileen – Secretary.

Joel 2nd All in Favor. Zero opposed.

**Scheduling of future Board of Director Meetings**

Eve moved to vote on new meeting dates/times. Difficult for Bill to get report by 1st Tuesday, Thursdays seem to be better for all. Eve moves to reschedule Board of Director meetings to 2nd Thursday of each month. All in Favor. Zero Opposed.

**Budget /Financial Report**

Eve also gave a brief overview of LP and EB5 funding.

Bill Mosser wants definitive vote from the board with line items of exactly what the LP is being used for. Ed Fund of America has not complained about what and how much we are running through LP, presented to Board of Directed for a vote.

Business Judgment Rule, Chris L suggested we talk to David about decisions of what we run through based on Business Plan.

Amy Reported, 2 accounts of LP budget consisting of payroll benefits and rent and utilities, LP should zero out each month.

**P&I Grant Update:**

Marc gave an overview, we have $68,000 left in Grant from this year, we had $125000 this year and year 2 estimated will be $75,000. This grant cannot be used for building.

**Faculties Report**

Warren reported, should be breaking ground this next Thursday or Friday.

Jim Tucket and M13 will meet with Warren to discuss everything. Eve gave a

Breakdown of M13, ACD, EPR. Jim Tucker, (local contractor).

**COMMITEEE REPORTS**

**Fundraising**

Reports from Jill Weaver, October 24th- 26th ArtScape discussed, Tickets on

LMS.ticketbud.com for soiree tickets. Silent Auction. Saturday and Sunday

Are free to public. Special Children’s activity from 2P-4P. Accepting Sponsor

Donations and artist. Tell Parents to go to SIGN UP GENIUS to sign up to

Volunteer. Email will be sent shortly.

**Outreach**

* Shrimp Fest, charges $1500.00 for a booth, will not participate
* LMS will participate in 1st Friday in December.
* Christmas Parade will use Pontoon Boat.
* Nov 7th at Beaufort Clothing Co. 10% of all proceeds from5p-8p.
* Trick or Treat, Thursday October 30th
* Will schedule an outreach meeting

**Enrollment**

* Current Enrolled 246 Children
* 24 out of 25 in Kindergarden
* 2 students pulled in UpperElem
* 1 secondary moved to Colorado.

**Human Resources**

* 6 Teachers just returned from Training
* Looking for a Reading Specialist part-time, very flexible hours.

**Technology**

* Chunk your change went very well.
* Chrome books are not fully compatible with Powerschool; they may be passed along to students. Matt, recommended 3 types of laptops will be purchasing Hybrid.
* Purchasing 10 more Chrome books – 2 per classroom

**Board Development Committee Report**

* All members need to sign a confidentiality agreement.
* All complete Webinar info will be sent via email.
* Retreat will be scheduled for new members to bring them up to date, Bill Moser will be included.
* SLED check needs to be completed cost $8.00.
* Emails information on charter law, our charter, bylaws will be sent to all new members.
* Would like to have a link on the LMS website that is secured for all documents to be stored. Ivie will check with Matt.

**Assignments of Board Members to Committees**

* Joel volunteers to join facilities committee.

**No Public Comments**

**No Old Business**

**New Business**

Eve moved to Adjourn meeting. Kathrine 2nd. All in Favor. Zero Opposed.