

# MCPM Board of Directors Agenda

## Meeting Template

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*Mission: Mountain City Public Montessori provides equitable access to a high-quality, relevant Montessori education to meet the needs of all students and to strengthen our community.*

*Vision: At Mountain City Public Montessori, we believe all students deserve access to a quality education that affirms each individual and enhances the collective by giving them an opportunity to practice living in and contributing to a more just society.*

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DATE	MEETING NAME
12/20/2023 - Virtual December Meeting	
ATTENDEES–MCPM Board of Directors	
<b>Present:</b> Wren Cook Dawn Meskil Lara Lustig Aaron Brumo Stella Plato Jerick Wilson (joined at 7:09 pm) Maegan Brown Jaclyn Farley	<b>Absent:</b>
ATTENDEES–Others	
N/A	

TIME	CALL TO ORDER
7:04 pm	Called to order by: Wren  Roll Call  Quorum (need 5/8): we have a quorum with 7 out of 8  Reading of Mission Statement by Aaron Brumo

	<p>Reading of Ethics Statement by Dawn Meskil</p> <p>Pledge to the Earth read by Lara Lustig</p>
	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES</b>
7:07 pm	<p>We have a consent agenda this evening.</p> <p>Wren moves to approve the meeting minutes on 12/6/23. We will add an image of the notes that Rachael shared about accomplishments so far this year. With that correction, the notes are approved.</p> <p>With no corrections, tonight's agenda is approved.</p>
	<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>
	<p><b>If you would like to submit public comments please email <a href="mailto:info@mountaincitypublic.org">info@mountaincitypublic.org</a> by noon on the day of the meeting with a request to speak in person or with text of comments to be submitted to the public record. In accordance with open meeting laws, a meeting schedule with a link to live stream is on our website at: <a href="https://mountaincitypublic.org/our-school/board/board-meetings/">https://mountaincitypublic.org/our-school/board/board-meetings/</a></b></p>
	<b>DIRECTORS REPORTS</b>
7:11 pm	<p>Director's Share</p> <p>We are heartened at the community interest and support of public Montessori education in WNC! In this first year of operations, we are working hard to focus on and strengthen our new school community. Mountain City Public Montessori is no longer accepting students for the '23-'24 school year. Enrollment for the '24-'25 school year opens in January.</p> <p>We have a new EC teacher that will start in the new year.</p>
	<b>EXECUTIVE REPORTS</b>
7:15 pm	<p>Reflecting on the incredible work of the staff, especially how the Directors have created and constructed and responded and stabilized the school community to a remarkable place in the first four months.</p> <p>Practicing giving and receiving feedback is making an incredible shift in our communication and collaboration. We are developing a practice of receiving and giving feedback that will continue to build the partnership between the board and the</p>

	<p>school. Sarah Brown has been supporting this work, and we will continue this practice.</p>
	<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>
<p>7:20 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Revised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Family Grievance Policy</li> </ul> </li> <li>● New: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2023.MCPM.SB49.CompliancePolicies</li> <li>○ Policy on Curriculum, Textbooks, Supplementary Material, and Library Materials</li> <li>○ Visitor and Volunteer Policy</li> <li>○ Parental Requests for Information Policy</li> <li>○ Student Promotion and Retention Policy</li> <li>○ Report Card and Grading Policy</li> <li>○ Attendance Policy</li> <li>○ Parental Participation Policy</li> <li>○ Immunization Policy</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Wren moves to approve the consent agenda, with no revisions, it is approved.</p> <p>We will need to amend the handbook and those amendments will come in January for approval by the board.</p>
	<p><b>OLD BUSINESS</b></p>
<p>7:25 pm</p>	<p><b>ACTION: Articulation Agreement PreK</b></p> <p>This articulation agreement was written by MCPM’s attorney and then reviewed and edited by Wren and Courtney (Little Grove Preschool). Wren and Courtney have also went through the email and communications that LGP will send to families to be sure that they are both aligned.</p> <p>Wren moves to approve this agreement between Mountain City Public Montessori and Little Grove Preschool.</p> <p>Open discussion, questions, and comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clarification that this is separate from our contract (3-yr) with LGP.</li> <li>- This agreement will be reviewed annually, the approval date needs to be before the latest date signed in the previous year.</li> <li>- Need to make sure that the contract can be terminated by either MCPM or LGP and in a way that notes that the leadership of LGP does not have a board.</li> </ul> <p><b>VOTE: unanimous approval</b></p>
	<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p>

7:34 pm	<p>Board Bios</p> <p>Wren Cook Bio</p> <p>Conversations with Aisha Shepherd and Allison Gilliam-Sturtevant led to us wanting to re-think aspects of our website.</p> <p>Board member bios that are currently on the website are very achievement-oriented. The goal is to make them more human and show who we are. Homework is to each rewrite our bios and show where the passion is coming from and that we are community-oriented.</p> <p>Standardizing the bio to include personal, professional, and other aspects.</p>
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>	
7:49 pm	<p>Community Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grandparents are volunteering at the school through the Land of Sky Foster Grandparent Program</li> <li>- Americorps! Called National HQ and they directed us to regional/state programs. These programs have been difficult to get in touch with, so we found Project MARS and Project Power which are local and we're currently proceeding. Emails have been sent out to determine the timeline for apps.</li> </ul> <p>Development and Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working on thanking donors and end-of-year asks</li> </ul> <p>Policy and Board Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SB 49 work is almost finished. Wren and Brittany met to organize the information for the website.</li> <li>- Wren has been working with Aisha Shepherd and Allison Gilliam-Sturtevant on some community engagement ideas, and they've focused on board development, in particular.</li> <li>- We have someone who has expressed interest in joining the board and they went on a tour of the school.</li> </ul>
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	
7:52 pm	<p>Board Retreat planning is happening, we do not have a date yet</p> <p>Next session with Ian Gibbs-Hall of Sonder DEI is Dec. 27th, 2023</p> <p>Next board meeting is Jan 3rd, 2024</p>
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	
7:55 pm	<p>Wren adjourns the meeting.</p>

*Approved by the MCPM Board of Directors on 1/3/24*