

MCPM Board of Directors Agenda and Minutes

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.

DATE	MEETING NAME
1/17/2024 - Virtual Meeting	
ATTENDEES–MCPM Board of Directors	
Present: Wren Cook Dawn Meskil Lara Lustig Aaron Brumo Stella Plato Maegan Brown Jaclyn Farley	Absent: Jerick Wilson - absent
ATTENDEES–Others	
Brittany Wager - Operations Director Rachael Shaw Marshall - Curriculum Director	

TIME	CALL TO ORDER
7:04 pm	Called to order by: Wren Roll Call Quorum (need 5/8): with 7 out of 8 board members present, we have a quorum Reading of Mission Statement by Aaron Reading of Ethics Statement by Maegan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stella Plato has a conflict of interest for one of the board applications and will abstain from discussion and voting on that candidate.

	Pledge to the Earth read by Wren
	APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES
7:09 pm	<p>Wren moves to adopt tonight’s agenda, with no amendments, the agenda will run as stated.</p> <p>Wren moves to approve the minutes from our January 3rd meeting, Maegan seconds, with no corrections, the minutes stand approved.</p> <p>January 3rd, 2024 Meeting Minutes</p>
	PUBLIC COMMENT
7:10 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">If you would like to submit public comments please email board@mountaincitypublic.org 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: https://mountaincitypublic.org/our-school/board/board-meetings/</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No public comment for tonight’s meeting.</p>
	OPERATIONS AND FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT
7:10 pm	<p>Directors share</p> <p>Brittany’s Report:</p> <p>Budget/Financial Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acadia is finalizing November / December currently, they are a bit delayed due to the holidays - Have had a few extra items added to income (ex: \$2k for computers) with the trickle down from the state budget passing - Will be adding \$8k reimbursement for Internet installation - Working on 24-25 budget and 5 year budget - We got a \$500 grant to build a garden <p>Human Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New EC director has started, already making a huge positive impact on our school community, processes, procedures, etc. - Beginning interviews in February for Adolescent program <p>Enrollment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are 141 applications currently. All grades except 7th grade are at the lottery. We are close for 7th grade. <p>We will move Rachael’s report later in the agenda.</p>

	EXECUTIVE REPORTS
7:19 pm	<p>Executive Committee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Executive committee will be working on a plan for Board Retreat in their meeting tomorrow.
	COMMITTEE REPORTS
7:22 pm	<p>Communications and Marketing</p> <p>Community Engagement</p> <p>Development and Grants</p> <p>Facility</p> <p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please let the finance committee know if your committee needs funds to be included in next year's budget. Finance would like budgets for each committee by our next board meeting. - The directorate will be discussing the budget at the next meeting. <p>Policy and Board Development</p>
	CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT
7:29 pm	<p>Rachael's Report:</p> <p>Shared Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weather events will now be decided upon by a committee with a representative from each area. Decisions will be made by 6 p.m. the night before or 6:00 a.m. the day of. - Currently discussing how to handle and celebrate holidays (ie Valentine's Day) as a new school experiencing for the first time. <p>Academic Progress and Growth of Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conversations around One School procedures, transitions, and alignment - Conversations around transition skills and preparing students for end-of-grade testing - Outcomes (observations and assessments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Observations are highlighting students who need additional support - Response to student needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These families will have meetings with the lead and MEI lead to create goals/ and tracking tools

	<p>Nautilus/SEL Progress and Growth of Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are starting testing this week. Assuming the weather cooperates :) - We have had a vast decline in Nautilus calls to the lead.
	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>
<p>7:42 pm</p>	<p>Bylaws Amendment</p> <p>ACTION: Two Rivers Public Montessori Bylaws</p> <p>If we would like to amend our bylaws to include more board members, we would redline the bylaws and then send them to the office of charter schools for approval.</p> <p>Wren moves to approve the amendments to our bylaws to change our name and increase the maximum number of board members, Aaron seconds and we move to discussion.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dawn added a clarification that we would need to go through the office of charter schools and then 501c3 / state. The bylaws would not go into effect until the charter school approves and accepts. - Lara raised the question that we may want to change our bylaws to say chairperson instead of co-chairpersons since there is language that we can add officers and thus could add a co-chair as needed. - There may be follow-up questions we need to circle back on in regards to the address. <p>With no further discussion, we move to a vote. The motion passes with unanimous approval of 7.</p> <p>Next Work Session</p> <p>For our next work session, we will be talking about our facility and the possibilities we need to consider with expansion.</p> <p>The next meeting will be Feb. 7th because we have 5 Wednesdays in January.</p> <p>New Board Member Applications</p> <p>Since we will be discussing personnel-type matters, Wren moves that we go into a closed session, Lara seconds.</p> <p>The board moves to Closed Session 8:05 pm: Prospective Board Member Applications Review and Discussion.</p> <p>The board came back from the closed session at 8:34 pm.</p> <p>In the closed session, we voted to offer board membership to two applicants. Wren will call them tomorrow to offer them membership and let the board know if they</p>

	<p>accept.</p> <p>Timeline discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We would like to have a board retreat soon after they join the board. - It would be nice to invite them to the next board meeting since it will be in person. - The next meeting is 3 weeks away so that would be our timeline for onboarding.
	ANNOUNCEMENTS
8:39 pm	<p>We have upcoming events with Buncombe Co Partnership for Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Saturday, January 20th at East Asheville library, 10:30am-12:30pm o Tuesday, January 23rd at West Asheville library, 4:30pm-6:30pm o Saturday, January 27th at South Buncombe library, 10:30am-12:30pm o Thursday, February 1st at North Asheville library, 4:30pm-6:30pm
	ADJOURNMENT
8:40 pm	Wren adjourns the meeting.

Approved by the MCPM Board of Directors on 2/7/24.