


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	
11/06/2024 - November Meeting		
ATTENDEES—MCPM Board of Directors		
Present: Wren Cook Dawn Meskil Lara Lustig Aaron Brumo Stella Plato Jerick Wilson Jaclyn Farley Jeffrey Kaplan Susannah Vance Gopalan Erica Rawls Tameka King Molly Cantrell (virtual) Sav Sankaran (virtual)	Absent: Maegan Brown	
ATTENDEES—Others		
Brittany Wager - Operations Director Rachael Shaw Marshall - Curriculum Director	Megan Ward Lucy MacGregor	

TIME	CALL TO ORDER
6:23 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">“If help and salvation are to come, they can only come from the children, for they are the makers of man.” -Maria Montessori</p> <p>Called to order by: Wren</p> <p>Roll Call</p> <p>Quorum (need 8/14): we have a quorum with 13 out of 14 board members present</p>

	<p> MCPM Mission and Vision, Ethics Statment, & Pledge to the Earth.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mission and Vision Statement read by Jeffery Kaplan - Ethics Statement read by Dawn Meskil - Pledge to the Earth read by Brittany Wager
	APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES
6:27 pm	<p>Approval of tonight's (11/6/24) agenda</p> <p>Dawn moved to approve tonight's agenda, Erica seconds. With no changes the agenda will run as stated.</p>
	PUBLIC COMMENT
6:28 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.</p> <p>Megan Ward shared a public comment with appreciation for the school.</p>
	CONNECTION AND ALIGNMENT
6:30 pm	<p>Lucy MacGregor (primary lead guide) shared an update from the staff (and as Recovery Representative) post-Helene.</p>
	DIRECTORS' REPORTS
	<p>Helene Recovery Decision Making Vote on 10/3/24 (Wren)</p> <p>Hurricane Helene Recovery Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Current Schedule ● Directorate process and Recovery Representatives ● Facility and Operations ● Enrollment ● Funding ● Calendar ● Staff and Families Wellbeing ● Counseling/Therapy services (Maegan Brown) <p>Brittany Wager & Rachael Shaw Marshall shared an update for where the school stands with Hurricane Helene recovery.</p> <p>Building and Operations Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current enrollment is still 138, lost one student and gained one student - Creating a potable water plan allowed MCPM to set a re-open date of Oct. 23 with a modified schedule

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School lunch is operating with a limited menu to reduce water usage - Return to full day schedule on Nov. 12 - NC legislature granted 20 day calendar waiver, with the possibility for an additional 20 days (MCPM is asking for an additional 5 days) <p>Finance Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The funding in arrears issue will be revisited in Nov - Received \$12,500 in mental health funding from Community Foundation / Dogwood - Will receive \$30,000 in mental health funding from the state - Applied for \$60,000 in mental health funding via school safety grant - Unclear how the closure will impact local funding - Applying for FEMA reimbursement for water system <p>Montessori Curriculum Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quarter 1 Review: BOG testing complete, MAP testing complete, MEFs testing is unfinished - 5th week of school was completed right before the storm, lost 17 days of in-person instruction <p>Staff Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hired an upper elementary assistant - We are looking for a creative expression teacher <p>Calendar Shifts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A revised calendar will be ready to share for approval at the next board meeting. - Conference days will now be the first two days of the week of Thanksgiving.
	<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS</p>
<p>7:29 pm</p>	<p><u>Presentation of 2024-25 Goals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Finance ● Community Engagement ● Communications and Marketing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interview staff to get stories to tell <p><u>Written Reports for Review:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Communications and Marketing ● Community Engagement ● Development and Grants ● Executive ● Facility ● Finance ● Policy and Board Development
	<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p>7:53 pm</p>	<p>Wren introduced the consent agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● McKinney-Vento Act Dispute Policy (new) ● Staff Appraisal Policy (amendments)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September Meeting Minutes <p>With no objections, the items are approved.</p>
	ANNOUNCEMENTS
7:57 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our next board meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 4th at 5:30 pm on the 3rd floor of the school. We had an audit, the auditor will walk us through it at the next meeting. Draft is linked in the committee report.
	ADJOURNMENT
8:01 pm	Dawn moves to adjourn the meeting, Jerick seconds. With no objections, the meeting is adjourned.

Approved by the MCPM Board of Directors on 12/4/24.