



**MOUNTAIN CITY**  
PUBLIC MONTESSORI

## 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.*


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DATE	MEETING NAME
12/04/2024 - December Board Meeting	
<b>ATTENDEES–MCPM Board of Directors</b>	
<b>Present:</b> Wren Cook Dawn Meskil Lara Lustig Aaron Brumo Stella Plato Jerick Wilson Maegan Brown (virtual) Susannah Vance Gopalan Erica Rawls Molly Cantrell (virtual) Sav Sankaran	<b>Absent:</b> Jaclyn Farley Jeffrey Kaplan Tameka King
<b>ATTENDEES–Others</b>	
Brittany Wager - Operations Director Rachael Shaw Marshall - Curriculum Director Kathryn Szumski - Exceptional Children's Director Rebekah Barr, CPA PC	

TIME	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>
5:40 pm	Called to order by: Wren

	<p>Roll Call by Stella</p> <p>Quorum (need 8/14): We have quorum with 11 present board members</p> <p> MCPM Mission and Vision, Ethics Statment, &amp; Pledge to the Earth.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mission Statement read by Aaron</li> <li>- Ethics Statement read by Susannah</li> <li>- Pledge to the Earth read by Erica</li> </ul> <p>Introduction of guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rebekah Barr, CPA PC (Auditor)</li> <li>● Jordan Burnett, MCPM Staff, Multi classroom Assistant Guide</li> <li>● Kathryn Szumski, MCPM Staff, Exceptional Children's Director</li> <li>● Jay Goldstein, MCPM Staff, Exceptional Children's Assistant</li> <li>● Kirsten Cole, MCPM Staff, Social Worker</li> </ul>
	<p><b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES</b></p>
5:50 PM	<p>Wren moves to move Rebekah Barr's portion of the agenda above public comment. Lara seconds. The motion passes and the agenda is approved with the modification.</p>
	<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b></p>
6:00 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>If you would like to submit public comments please email <a href="mailto:board@mountaincitypublic.org">board@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.</b></p> <p>Public Comment from Kathryn Szumski - Exceptional Children's Director, MCPM</p> <p>Kathryn introduced herself and the other three staff guests who represent the student support group. She shared a public comment about how this team works. We currently have 13 students with IEPs and 2 who are in process. This group is working to design and tweak systems for serving EC students in alignment with the Montessori curriculum and model.</p>
	<p><b>CONNECTION AND ALIGNMENT</b></p>
	<p><b>AUDIT REVIEW</b></p>
5:53	<p>FY 2024 Audit Review with Rebekah Barr</p> <p>Rebekah Barr (Auditor) presented MCPM's first audit report.</p>

	<p>Financial Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the end of the fiscal year, the School's assets surpassed its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, resulting in a net position of \$91,925.</li> <li>• In its first year of operations, the School's total net position increased by \$91,925.</li> <li>• As of the close of the current fiscal year, the School's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$176,792.</li> <li>• The state-funded Average Daily Membership (ADM) for the first year of operations was 102.</li> <li>• As of June 30, 2024, the School's long-term debt consists of two loans totaling \$75,017 and \$35,000, respectively.</li> </ul> <p>It was a stable good first year with nothing found to be concerned about.</p>
	<b>DIRECTORS' REPORTS</b>
6:09 PM	<p><a href="#">24-25 Director Update</a>  Calendar changes  Enrollment Update and 2025 Projections  Employment Update  Assessment Data Review</p>
7:45 PM	Executive Committee Report
	<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>
	<p>Revised academic calendar  Meeting Minutes from 11/6/2024  Sav moves to approve the consent agenda, and Aaron seconds. The motion passes unanimously.</p>
	<b>DEVELOPMENT</b>
7:47 PM	<p>End-of-year giving campaign: <a href="https://givebutter.com/5Vbvch">https://givebutter.com/5Vbvch</a>, goal of \$20,000  The board can support this campaign in these ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ask 10 people for support, everyone who raises \$1K or more will get a free tree from Asheville Greenworks</li> <li>- Individually email each ask</li> </ul>
	<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>
8:04 pm	<p>Communications and Marketing  Community Engagement</p>

	Development and Grants Executive Committee Facility Finance Policy and Board Development
	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>
	<p><b>Is anyone available to sub in the office while MCPM goes to the Nutcracker on Friday? 9:15-12:00. Just need someone answering phones and the door. Tell Brittany!</b></p> <p><b>Sarah Brown Retreat Date</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Saturday, January 25</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Our next board meeting will be Wednesday, January 8th. We will not meet on the first Wednesday as it is a holiday (New Years Day).</b></p>
	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
	Wren adjourned the meeting.