


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
3/05/2025 - March Meeting	
ATTENDEES–MCPM Board of Directors	
Present: Wren Cook Dawn Meskil (joined at 5:46 pm) Lara Lustig Stella Plato Jerick Wilson Maegan Brown Jaclyn Farley Jeffrey Kaplan Susannah Vance Gopalan Erica Rawls Molly Cantrell Sav Sankaran	Absent: Aaron Brumo Tameka King
ATTENDEES–Others	
Brittany Wager - Operations Director Rachael Shaw Marshall - Curriculum Director Kirsten Cole, Social Worker & Nautilus Lead	

TIME	CALL TO ORDER
5:40 pm	Called to order by: Wren Roll Call Quorum (need 8/14): we have quorum with 11 out of 14 board members present, Dawn joined late to make 12 attendees. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">  MCPM Mission and Vision, Ethics Statment, & Pledge to the Earth.pdf </div>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mission Statement read by Stella - Ethics Statement read by Wren - Pledge to the Earth read by Erica
	APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5:45 pm	With no adjustments, tonight’s agenda is approved.
	PUBLIC COMMENT
5:46 pm	<p>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>No Public comment</p>
	CONNECTION AND ALIGNMENT
5:47 pm	<p>Nautilus Share (Kirsten Cole)</p> <p>Kirsten Cole, MCPM’s Social Worker and Nautilus lead shared with the board the procedures of how MCPM uses Nautilus in the classrooms.</p> <p>The board discussed the differences between IEPs and 504s to further inform the data shared.</p> <p>Kirsten also shared how her role has evolved in our school’s short history and what her responsibilities are.</p>
	DIRECTORS’ REPORTS
6:32 pm	<p><u>Operations and Finance Director Update:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Current enrollment is 136. ● Open enrollment for 25-26 began on January 1, we have 275 current applications ● Tuesday tours continue through this month! ● Saturday open house is March 8, 10-12pm. ● Starting to get new reports from Prestige (formerly Acadia) highlighting key benchmarks. ● Applied for \$60,000 in mental health ● funding via school safety grant - Received \$35,000 ● Project SERV funding has been finalized, able to draw down funding. ● FEMA has finalized, check received! <p><u>Curriculum Director Update:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff Updates

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hired: Reading Interventionist ○ Open Position: Primary Lead Guide ● Review of the hiring process ● Family Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A school family survey was sent out ○ MCPM hosted a Montessori Afternoon for families ○ There will be an adolescent afternoon open house for current families from 11:30- 1:00 on March 21st ● Updates were shared from Staff Development Day
	SHARED LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHT
	Rachael shared a presentation on MCPM's Hiring Practices.
	COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS
6:56 pm	<p>Development (auction update) March 8 - 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Register to Bid <p>Community Engagement</p> <p>Sav led a discussion about setting goals for Community Engagement that reflects the priorities of all stakeholders.</p> <p>SMART goals is the framework CE will use to develop goals and create/maintain accountability for this work.</p> <p>Resource from 2023: Strategies and Objectives 2023</p>
	COMMITTEE REPORTS
7:25 pm	Board committees were shared from each group.
	ACTION ITEMS/APPROVALS
7:30 pm	<p>Officer Nominations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair ● Vice-chair ● Treasurer ● Secretary <p>Erica, on behalf of the Policy and Board Development Committee, calls for nominations.</p> <p>Chair Stella nominates Wren Cook for the position of Chair, Lara seconds. Wren accepts</p>

	<p>the nomination. There are no additional nominations.</p> <p><u>Vice-Chair</u> Wren nominates Dawn Meskil for the position of Vice-chair, Jeffrey seconds. Dawn accepts the nomination. There are no additional nominations.</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u> Dawn nominates Lara Lustig for the position of Treasurer, Sav seconds. Lara accepts the nomination. There are no additional nominations.</p> <p><u>Secretary</u> Wren nominates Erica Rawls for the position of Secretary. Jaclyn seconds. Erica accepts the nomination. Susannah nominated Stella Plato, Erica seconds. Stella declined the nomination. With no further nomination, the nominations for Secretary are now closed.</p> <p>Consent Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Employee Agreements (new hires since September) ● Minutes from 2/5/25 meeting ● Auditor Engagement for FY 25: Vote to give approval to the Operations and Finance Director and the board chair to sign and return the engagement letter to secure a contract for FY 25 <p>Sav moves to approve the consent agenda, Jeffrey seconds. The consent agenda is adopted.</p>
	ANNOUNCEMENTS
7:45 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Christine W. Avery Early Learning Center Kindergarten Event: March 6 @ 5:30 pm ● Open House: March 8 10:00-noon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We need more people to sign up for April ● Whole School Mindfulness: March 17, 1:00 pm ● Listening Session with Mo Green: March 17, 6:00 - 7:30 pm (Tuscola High School in Waynesville) ● Facility will be the committee highlight for April
	ADJOURNMENT
7:50 pm	Wren adjourned the meeting.

Approved by the MCPM board of directors on April 2, 2025.