

BOD Meeting Minutes
East Cooper Montessori Charter School
Thursday, May 20, .2021
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Executive Session:

I. Administrative -

A. Meeting was called to order at 5:58PM

B. Board Members Roll Call:

Abby Kazley- Year 2 of 2 -Chair Present
Secretary: Kristin Ormand Year 2 of 2 Present
DJ Barnhill - Year 2 of 2 Treasurer Present
Denise Runza - Year 2 of 2 Present
Abe Gutting- Year 1 of 2 Absent
Rob Varnado - Year 1 of 2 Present
Merissa Elisei- Year 1 of 2 Present

C. Ex-Officio Members:

Jody Swanigan, Principal Present
Billy Koll, Financial Director Present
Krissie Patterson, Teacher Member Present

D. Mission Statement: Provide a rigorous Montessori education guiding the children toward academic excellence, lifelong learning, and stewardship of the greater community.

E. Freedom of Information Compliance:

G. Public Comment: NA

H. Decision of Officers for this term:

Proposed
Board Chair: Abby Kazley
Vice Chair: Denise Runza
Secretary: Kristen Rising
Treasurer: DJ Barnhill
New Members: Kristen Rising, Diedre Ostrander

II. Presentation/Discussion Items:

- A. Mask Update: Governor allows children to be unmasked, without giving protocol, extremely confusing time for kids and administrators, students/ parents can be unmasked with waiver.
- B. RISE UP, School Project- (2) Videos, 30 Human Rights “what will you Rise up for?”

A. Financial: Financial Report

- 1. Dashboard-Auction made \$52,500 -GREAT Job- Thanks Deidre!!!

- 2.. ESSER I Funded – more estimated to come with Esser III – Federal Funding (15) allowable spending groups- Esser- Facility improvements, Education gap funding, Digital Content- (SC State Gov to fund)
3. 2021-22 Budget Update: Reiteration of previous meetings: small adjustments- 12K in positive Budget needs for \$390K
- 4.. PPP update- Forgiven Loan

C. Shout out:

1. Moultrie Article
2. AMS Spotlight
3. World Peace Game

D. Development:

1. Online Auction Recap \$52,500K

E. Educational Program:

1. The Rise Up Project
2. Sports planning for next year

F. Diversity and Enrollment:

1. Continued Development of Curriculum Planning for Next Year

G. Facilities:

- A. Summer Renovation Projects: has slowed due to increase demand and funds in Charleston County
Courtyard: delayed- New Budget: \$90K (\$50K Approved prior adding \$40K)-
 - Shades and Benches 25K,
 - Synthetic Turf 28K
 - Tables/ Umbrellas 28K
- B. Technology: 16 Prometheum Boards, 7 Chromeboxes- \$64 K (approved)
- C. Middle School (6th Grade Add) – Glass door (\$3K) Carpet Tile/Paint \$8,000, Furniture -Lockers \$21,000, Furniture \$50K
- D. Facility/Classroom Renovations: cabinets-paint, floor etc STEM, ART, Primary, Theater, Upper Elementary (200K -estimated)
- E. Playground Phase 2: 100K
- F. Shifting Classrooms/Furniture Back to Pre-COVID status- Moving Company On 6/18

H. Strategic Plan Process Discussion-

- A. Update of Initiatives: Continued discussion

III. Action Items (voting) -

- A. Meeting Minutes: Approval of the April Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval for Hiring: Caroline Davis: Substitute
Jennifer Gable: Substitute
- C. Approval for New Board Directors: Approved
- D. Middle School Update: 82K approved
- E. Courtyard Additions 40K approved
- F. Playground Improvement: 100K approved (\$50K funded from auction)
- G. Classroom Renovations: 200K approved (hoping funded by ESSER)

Meeting adjourned at: 7:52PM

Your Governing Board

The governing board recognizes that public support and open lines of communication are the keys to our school's success.

We encourage you to become involved in our school, to be informed about issues that affect students, parents, and our staff, to inform board members about your concerns, and to attend board meetings. The responsibility of the Governing Board of East Cooper Montessori Charter School is to ensure excellence in the governance of a quality educational program by supporting the school's mission and charter, analyzing needs, establishing policies, allocating resources, and monitoring progress.

Board Meetings

Regular meetings of the Governing Board are held the third Thursday of each month, beginning at 6:00 pm at East Cooper Montessori Charter School. Special-called meetings are scheduled as needed.

Citizen Participation

Anyone wishing to speak to the Board must register in person the night of the regular meeting. The opportunity to address the Board at each regular Board Meeting is 20 minutes at the beginning of the meeting.

- Each speaker has three minutes.
- Speakers may not ask questions of board members.
- Board members may not engage speakers in discussion.
- Disruptive behavior is not permitted.
- Personal attacks aimed at students or staff are not permitted.
- Scurrilous, obscene, or recklessly defamatory language aimed at any board member is not permitted.

The board will follow up on all matters presented by speakers.