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<p><b>Our Shared Key Interests</b></p> <p>Advance student learning, achievement, and success by keeping it at the heart and as the filter for our decision making.</p> <p>Utilize research based curricula that reflects 21<sup>st</sup> Century themes and applications and are responsive to the needs and potential of all students, preparing them for a global society.</p> <p>Provide real-life diverse learning opportunities with practical applications in the classroom and beyond</p> <p>Inform and engage the community in shaping educational strategy and formulating responses to change.</p> <p>Attract, retain, and develop a high quality, diverse, creative, and innovative workforce of leaders.</p> <p>Provide safe, secure, flexible, inviting and well-maintained environments that nurture student well-being and enhance teaching and learning.</p> <p>Identify, integrate, and expand technology to foster adaptability and maximize learning</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Public Meeting Notice</b></p> <p>The <u>Wausau Area Montessori Charter School Governance Council</u> of the Wausau School District will meet <b>TUESDAY, September 19th, 2017 @ 5:30</b>, at Wausau Area Montessori Charter School, <b>Room 240</b>, 3101 N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Wausau, WI. <i>This meeting is posted in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law – Public Notice s. 19.84(3) and exemptions s. 19.85</i></p> <p><b>Present: Jenny, Bill, Kathy, Mark, Stacey, Sarah, Kim, Elizabeth, Andrea, Jessica Huggenvik</b>  <b>Absent: Kevin</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Open Session</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call to Order &amp; Welcome – (Jenny) 5:35 PM       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Welcome to Sarah Miller Nehring as our newest Staff Council Member!</li> <li>b. Mission Moment - Council/Staff reporting on recent highlights and general good stuff happening with our Montessori Community!</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Secretary’s Report, approval of minutes – (Kathy) Mark moved to approve minutes, Kim seconded. All ayes, minutes approved.</li> <li>3. Head of School’s Report: (Elizabeth)       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Wrapping up AIMS WEB and Writing assessments</li> <li>b. Current enrollment at 128.</li> <li>c. Social media profile; will be using Twitter and District web page exclusively. FB page will be discontinued. PC will continue to use FB.</li> <li>d. Tech 4 C’s focus: Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking, Creativity Skills.</li> <li>e. Drama Club - 42 kids participating.</li> <li>f. Branding our school. Working on a student-driven logo and identity.</li> <li>g. MMUN, 6 students signed up and ready to go! First choice Japan! Keep your fingers crossed!</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Officers’ Report - (Jenny) Governance Best Practices packet given out for review. Will be used as a resource for discussions throughout the year. Board Meeting evaluation sheets will be used post-meeting to give feedback on meeting content, flow, and productivity.</li> <li>5. A-Team (Andrea)       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. District-wide strategic planning is a big part of Dr. Schwei’s goals for the year. A very comprehensive plan will be put forth to the school board this October.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p><b>Four Critical Questions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What do we want students to learn? What should each student know and be able to do as a result of each unit, grade, level and/or course?</li> <li>2) How will we know if they have learned? Are we monitoring each student’s learning on a timely basis?</li> <li>3) What will we do if they don’t learn? What systematic process is in place to provide additional time and support for students who are experiencing difficulty?</li> <li>4) What will we do if they already know it?</li> </ol> <p><b>WAMCS School Level Objectives</b>  <b>TBD</b></p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>b. 81 school administrators are participating in Educlimber (data tracking) training.</li><li>c. Andrea visited WAMCS on August 31 to sit in on the faculty meeting to meet new staff. Since the school year has started, she has visited 2 different classes and participated in lessons with the kids.</li><li>d. A gently-used SMART BOARD IS COMING! Plans are in place for installation.</li><li>e. New staff (4 Guides) have a two-year window to complete Montessori Training and certification. This education is mandated by our charter and will be funded by the district. Due to the larger than expected expense, there will be no monies available for staff to attend the national Montessori conference this year.</li></ul> <p>6. Parent Connect Report – (Kim) Erin Noll will take on the leadership role and Kim will continue to be the liaison with the GC. Many fundraising opportunities in the works. Crock Pot Fridays will resume on a bimonthly schedule.</p> <p>7. Council Member Reports – (Stacey) Score board approval, Recognitions, Tax Levy approval, Annual School Board Meeting September 25th at 6 p.m. following a district budget meeting.</p> <p>8. Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Strategies &amp; Tactics - Bill<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Will be meeting on the 4th Thursday. Elizabeth and staff will be communicating new goals and plans to the team asap.</li></ul></li><li>b. Facilities and Finance - Mark<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Will be meeting on the 1st Monday of the month at 4:30p.m. in room 240.</li></ul></li></ul> <p>9. Business/Discussion Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Council vacancies- Reviewed bio of Jessica Huggenvik to fill open seat. Bill moved to approve Jess as new Governance Council member. Mark seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.</li><li>b. Annual Meeting date - Will be set for January 16th at 6 p.m. in the cafetorium. Considering meal options.</li><li>c. Board Retreat - to heal, repair, regroup, refocus, and energize the council. Jenny distributed bios of Retreat Leaders to consider. Leader will be selected at the October meeting, as will a planning committee to help identify core issues and set agenda. Andrea reported that following</li></ul>	
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	<p>a discussion with Dr. Schwei, the district will find the monies to fund this process.</p> <p>d. Newsletter Article - Each month, a council member will be asked to step up and write an article for the school newsletter. Kathy will write the next.</p> <p>10. School Happenings Next Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 9/29/17 Virtues Assembly (4/5/6)</li><li>- 10/2 Winter Coat Drive</li><li>- 10/4 Drama program begins</li><li>- 10/5 Fall Color Walk 5:00pm</li><li>- 10/23 &amp;24 Wilkes Pumpkin Farm</li><li>- 10/25 Virtues Assembly (2/3)</li><li>- 10/25 Harvest Game Night</li><li>-</li></ul> <p>12. Future Governance Council Meetings - 5:30 p.m. Room 240, October 17th, November 14th, December 19th, January 16th, February 20th, March 20th, April 17th, May 15th, June 19th.</p> <p>11. Future School District Meetings - 6:00 p.m. Longfellow Administration Building. October 9th, November 13th, December 11th, January 8th, February 12th, March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th.</p> <p>12. Adjourn – Kim moved to adjourn, Bill seconded. All ayes, meeting adjourned 7:20 pm</p>	
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