

## Wausau Area Montessori Charter School Governance Council Meeting Minutes - December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The Wausau Area Montessori Charter School Governance Council of the Wausau School District will meet **TUESDAY, December 19<sup>th</sup> 2017 @ 5:30**, at Wausau Area Montessori Charter School, Room **240**, 3101 N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Wausau, WI.

- *This meeting is posted in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law – Public Notice s. 19.84(3) and exemptions s. 19.85.*

### Open Session

Present – Bill, Kathy, Stacey, Andrea, Elizabeth, Mark, Sarah

Absent – Jenny, Kim, Jess

1. Call to Order & Welcome – Bill called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm
  1. Mission Moment – Teachers all pulling together above and beyond during this recent illness outbreak.
2. Secretary's report, approval of minutes – Kathy - Approved by consensus
3. Head of School's Report – Elizabeth – Many thanks for Crock Pot meals, Strategic plan Completed and ready for review, School assessment review, Enrollment openings, Budget review – MMUN deposit.
4. Executive Team Report – Deferred to discussion items
5. Parent Connect Report – Kim Absent -No report
6. School District Administration Report – Andrea Ed-Ops addressing overcrowding at Muir and Montessori is a factor in the equation. Good timing for us to be discussing facilities. Gifted and Talented assessment at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade for parents who would like to pursue this type of programming for their child.
7. WAMCS Guide Update – Sarah- not much to report, teachers pulling together for coverage due to illnesses.
8. Council Member Reports –
  1. School Board Report – Bill – Chinese exchange program, Budget,
9. Discussion/Action Items
  1. Committee Reports
    1. Strategies & Tactics - Bill- Will be meeting now that the Strategic Plan is completed. TBD
    2. Facilities & Finance – Mark – Discussion re: adding 7 and 8<sup>th</sup>, and possibly 4K. Council consensus to pursue as appropriate to facility discussions. – Will be using our Long and short term goals for Annual meeting presentation. Continue to reach out to Leah at MV.
    3. Council Retreat – Jenny and Andrea to conference call Cheryl Stinski on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of December. Working on recommendation of Guy Leavitt for additional referrals.
  2. Planning Committee for Annual Meeting -
    1. Presentation – All slides sent to [wamcsgov@gmail.com](mailto:wamcsgov@gmail.com) asap
    2. Food – Discussion of Arby's and Polito's as possible options
    3. Child Care – 2 Key Club Volunteers, and 2 WAMCS Alum
  3. Nominations Committee for February Elections – Kim via email  
*“Re: nominations and such. I propose we send out an invitation to parents to consider joining our board and get that invite out before the week's end (even if we attach the*

old form that I filled out when applying). Then, at the annual meeting, we ask for any other volunteers on the spot. Once we have all volunteers we come together as a board and decide within the week who we will bring on (special meeting perhaps?). I think we should decide by vote. Once we have come to a decision, we can let the new board members know and they can be present at the February meeting.

Once we have the spots filled, the new members can be involved in helping create a procedure for electing officers. This way it isn't rushed. Once we have a full board, we can make a subcommittee for creating the official procedures for nominations / recruitment / and voting.”

4. Discussion - School Report Card – Elizabeth recommends a careful review of report card and Strategic Plan for additional discussion at next meeting.
  5. Discussion - 2018 Summer Learning Program – Elizabeth Due to staff certification and learning opportunities for the summer there will be no programming for WAMCS summer learning. Letters will go out to parents asap detailing other summer learning opportunities within the district.
  6. Discussion/Action item- Student openings for late enrollment – By consensus the council approved 3 students for late admission to fill vacancies. We will be welcoming the new 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders in January.
  7. Discussion/Action item - of expansion to K4,7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> – Please see Committee report item.
10. School Happenings Next Month
  11. Future Meetings Future Governance Council Meetings - 5:30 p.m. Room 240, January 16th, February 20th, March 20th, April 17th, May 15th, June 19<sup>th</sup>
  12. Future School District Meetings - 6:00 p.m. Longfellow Administration Building. January 8th, February 12th, March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th.
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