

## Wausau Area Montessori Charter School Governance Council Meeting - February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The Wausau Area Montessori Charter School Governance Council of the Wausau School District will meet **TUESDAY, February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30** at Wausau Area Montessori Charter School, room 242, 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

In attendance – Bill, Jenny, Kathy, Stacey, Elizabeth, Andrea, Jen Faust, Libby Heidmann

Absent – Mark, Jess, Sarah

1. Call to Order & Welcome – Bill @5:37 Location change (Longfellow) due to inclement weather and school closings.
  1. Mission Moment – Jenny – the Book Bowl was a great success. Team did well, but due to organization and leadership the kids really enjoyed the process as a bonus.
2. Secretary's report, approval of minutes – Kathy
  1. January WAMCS Annual Business meeting – Motion made by Jenny, seconded by Stacey, all ayes. Minutes approved.
  2. February new student vote – Motion made by Bill, seconded by Jenny, all ayes. Minutes approved.
3. Head of School's Report – Elizabeth – See attached Report
4. Executive Team Report – Bill – Team met with Elizabeth to discuss the 7/8 Expansion.
5. School District Administration Report – Andrea – School district deficit is on the top of district discussions. There will need to be cuts across the district due to decreased student enrollment. This won't affect the facilities discussions for WAMCS.
6. Council Member Reports –
  1. School Board Report – Jenny (March 12<sup>th</sup> will be Kathy) Spotlight: East and West High School Apprenticeships. Policy review. Addressing the achievement gaps in math and reading across district elementary schools. Lots of public commentary.
    1. We need representation at the April 9, May 14<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup> – Discuss at the March GC meeting
    2. Do we wish to attend summer meetings Discuss at the March GC meeting
    3. ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AS WE ARE THE

‘SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION’ GUESTS FOR THE NIGHT.  
ELIZABETH WILL BE THERE WITH MMUN STUDENTS TO  
REPORT ON UN TRIP.

7. Discussion/Action Items
  1. New Member Bio Review and Approval
    1. Libby Heidmann – Jenny motioned, Kathy seconded. All Ayes Approved
    2. Jen Faust – Kathy motioned, Bill Seconded. All ayes. Approved
    3. Kathy will prepare binders for new members to review and maintain.
  2. Committee Reports
    1. Strategies & Tactics - Bill
      - a. Review and adopt Strategic Plan – Plan is a living document which will be discussed at each meeting. Committee will meet following the March GC meeting.
    2. Facilities & Finance – Elizabeth – Josh Dirks attended and reported on community buildings he’s had opportunity to tour. Mark will be working on doc to outline options, pros and cons as we see them. Mark will also set meeting schedule for 2 meetings per month. Andrea recommended that we look at district boundaries to insure buildings/locations are in WSD territory.
  3. Logo discussion approval- Elizabeth presented 2 top choices. Andrea suggested that we consult with Amy Arlen who has an extensive background to draw from to help us develop. Elizabeth will contact her asap.
  4. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade discussion – We will look to launch our 7/8 grade programing fall 2019. We need time to prepare curriculum, staff, and environment. Both teachers with certification for 7/8 are in the process of Montessori Certification. This is an item on the Strategic Plan and will be revisited each month in regular GC meetings as to not lose momentum.
  5. Officer Nominations and Elections – Tabled till March due to 3 missing council members and 2 brand new members that haven’t yet met the council as a whole.
8. Future Meetings Future Governance Council Meetings - 5:30 p.m. Room 240, March 20th, April 17th, May 15th, June 19<sup>th</sup>

9. Future School District Meetings - 6:00 p.m. Longfellow Administration Building.  
March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th.
10. Adjourn – Motion made by Jenny, seconded by Kathy, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:09