

Wausau Area Montessori Charter School • 3101 N. 13th Street, Wausau, WI 54403

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Our Shared Key Interests

Advance student learning, achievement, and success by keeping it at the heart and as the filter for our decision making.

Utilize research based curricula that reflects 21st Century themes and applications and are responsive to the needs and potential of all students, preparing them for a global society.

Provide real-life diverse learning opportunities with practical applications in the classroom and beyond

Inform and engage the community in shaping educational strategy and formulating responses to change.

Attract, retain, and develop a high quality, diverse, creative, and innovative workforce of leaders.

Provide safe, secure, flexible, inviting and well-maintained environments that nurture student well-being and enhance teaching and learning.

Identify, integrate, and expand technology to foster adaptability and maximize learning

Public Meeting Notice

The <u>Wausau Area Montessori Charter School Governance Council</u> of the Wausau School District will meet **TUESDAY**, **August 15th**, **2017** @ **5:30**, at Wausau Area Montessori Charter School, **Room 234/236**, 3101 N. 13th 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*

Present: Jenny, Bill, Kathy, Stacey, Kim, Amber, Kevin, Elizabeth, Andrea, Robin Absent: Mark Open Session

- 1. Call to Order & Welcome Bill 5:40 PM
- 2. Secretary's report, approval of minutes Kathy reported no suggested edits or inclusions, Bill moves to approve, Kim seconds. All ayes, motion moved.
- 3. Executive Report Bill and Jenny, Intention to meet with Mike Schwei and the Admin team to begin building relationships and partnerships with the district. New email address to contact the officers of the GC at www.wamcsgov@gmail.com. Website updates planned. GC newsletter added to WAMCS bimonthly newsletter. Welcome letter from GC being sent to families. Open House table planned. Need to fill open spot on Council and for VP, Bi-laws need to be amended.
- 4. Head of School Report Elizabeth -See attached report Strategic Plan will be adjusted following fall baseline info. Curriculum planning going well, Scope and Sequence to restructure delivery of content. Montessori Environment enhancements are being made in all classrooms. Staffing addition, Molle O'Brien in K/1 and Jena VangerLogt as our Guidance Counselor. Still looking for .5 for 4/5/6 Guide. Master Schedule for morning 3 hour uninterrupted work block is complete and provides each grade band 1 hour to prep and plan TOGETHER. Communication Plan to streamline communication, all communication going out to families, will be approved and sent through Elizabeth. Any communication/requests for Kris should go through Elizabeth first.
- 5. A-Team Andrea Thank you for Curriculum and Staffing efforts. K/1 Smart Board update, Jon Euting was under the impression that Parent Connect would provide the financing for this expense. (Kim will check into and get back to the group). Installation plans are in place. District working hard on filling staff vacancies. Our enrollment as of 8/14 is 127 students.
- 6. Parent Connect Report Kim WEndy is going to step away from leadership. Erin Noll, Hillary Hastings and Kim will head until a leader steps in. Calendar from June is accurate, no changes. Drama club added. Changing meeting time to after school. Pot Luck at Sylvan. PC will do all fundraising. 20% will go right into MMUN. MMUN students must participate to earn funding. PC would like a wish list from teachers
- 7. Committee Reports None

Four Critical Questions

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? 2) How will we know if they have learned? Are we monitoring each student's learning on a timely basis? 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? 4) What will we do if they already know it?

WAMCS School Level Objectives TBD



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- 8. Council Member Reports Kevin reported on 8/14 School Board Meeting.

 District received approval to seek charter school status for WAVE program.
- 9. Discussion Items:
 - a. Committee Commitments Committees are expected to meet between now and the September meeting to set dates and tasks for committees.
 The bulk of council work should be done by committees in advance of and be reported on at the regular business meetings.
- 10. Action Items:
- 11. School Happenings Next Month
 - a. 8/19 Trigs Brat Fry Fundraiser 10-6
 - b. 8/30 Open House 4th, 5th and 6th 4:30 5:30
 - c. 8/31 Open House K-3 4:30 5:30
 - d. 9/5 First Day of School
 - e. 9/14 Welcome Back Potluck Sylvan Hill Park 5:30 p.m.
 - f. 9/16 Trigs Brat Fry Fundraiser 10-6
 - g. 9/21 MMUN informational meeting
 - h. 9/29 Virtues Assembly (4/5/6)
- 12. Future Meetings Tuesday, September 19th @ 5:30pm Room 234/236
- 13. Adjourn Kim moves to adjourn, Stacey seconds. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned. 6:45 PM



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