

Board Minutes
East Cooper Montessori Charter School
Thursday, January 21, 2016
6:00 PM
Executive Session 5:30PM – 6:00 PM

Note review of contracts and personnel matters were discussed in Executive Session.

I. Administrative

A. Meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm

B. Board Members Roll Call:

1. LaDene Conroy - na
2. Dana Wine Johnson - p
3. Josh Caplea - p
4. Angeline Leonard - na
5. Nancy Chilton - p
6. Deanna Cunnane - p
7. Dale Sutcliffe - p

C. Non-Voting Members:

Jody Swanigan, Principal - na (Nikki Moody standing in for Jody)

Emilee Elingburg, Teacher - p

Others Attending: Joel Sandstrom, Director of Finance

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:

F. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:

G. Public Comment:

II. Updates/New Business

A. Financial update Joel

Joel presented current budget & the change in the county per pupil revenue.

B. 2016/2017 Budget Draft Joel

C. Survey Dale

Presented the 1st draft of the revised mid-year survey as created by Dale/Dana. Nikki will review the parent survey to offer feedback. Emilee will review the teacher survey in order to shorten and have a few open ended questions regarding how things are for teachers at this point in the

year and with the transition to the current new campus. The board agreed that, once surveys are complete & Jody's review, we can move forward with admin emailing out the links. Dale will coordinate with Lori regarding if she, he or both can/will create the surveys in surveymonkey.

III. Presentation/Discussion Items –

- A. Administration, Board and HR Deanna / Josh
Board discussed requesting follow up & clarity to Jody's goals from November.
- B. Community Relations Dale/Angeline
- C. Development Angeline/Dana
- D. Educational Program LaDene/Dale
- E. Diversity Dana/LaDene
- F. Facilities Josh/Nancy
- G. Financial Nancy/Deanna

IV. Action Items (voting)

- A. Elliot Davis Contract
Nancy motioned to approve the Elliot Davis Contract. Deanna 2nd.
Unanimous approval.
- B. November 19 meeting minutes
Deanna motioned to approve the November 19 meeting minutes. Nancy 2nd. Unanimous approval.
- C. December 17 meeting minutes
Dana motioned to approve the December 17 meeting minutes. Deanna 2nd. Unanimous approval.
- D. 2015/2016 budget
Deanna motioned to approve the revised 15/15 budget. Deanna 2nd.
Unanimous approval.
- E. 14/15 990.
Josh motioned to approve the 14/15 990 for filing. Nancy 2nd.
Unanimous approval.

V. Adjournment

Adjournment at 8:21pm

Next Board Meeting: February 18, 2016

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