



First State Montessori Academy

Public Session Board Meeting

3/26/2015

6:30pm to 7:30pm

1000 French Street Wilmington Delaware

Present: Maribeth Low, Kristin Chastain, Courtney Fox, Corey Lamborn, Jessie Keith, Gina Castelli, Gregg Moist, Beth Carter, Sean Boyd, Katie McCormick, Erin Carroll, Heather Townsend, Yvonne Nass, Laura Messinger

Absent: Veena Rao, Hunter Clark-Fields

Governance

Gregg Moist called the meeting to order and moved to vote to accept the minutes from February 26th (Appendix A) into official record. Courtney Fox requested a change in language regarding the CBOC minutes and standardized testing. Gregg proposed to vote to accept the minutes into official record. Gina Castelli seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Katie McCormick reviewed the Election and Classification Procedures document (Appendix B) in keeping with the laws. She provided a step-by-step review of the document. Gregg Moist moved to accept the document. Sean Boyd seconded the motion. All were in favor. This document and vote included the resignation of several long-term Board members to make way for new prospective Board members who were recognized for their service.

Yvonne Nass presented the Governance Committee minutes (Appendix C) and provided an orientation update. She stressed the new proposed committee model of the future board. Then she discussed the application procedure for new Board candidates. In the process, five prospective Board members were invited to join; four candidates accepted and one declined the offer. Yvonne Nass then emphasized that the Directors at Large would be voted into the Board later in the meeting.



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Operations	<p>Courtney Fox presented the HOS Report for March (Appendix D) in detail. She emphasized the recent AMS Conference in Philadelphia and stressed the productivity of the meeting as a development opportunity for teachers. Then she invited teachers Maribeth Low and Kristen Chastain to tell about their experiences at the meeting. Both enjoyed the meeting and gained something different from the experience. Maribeth said it allowed her to meet new and old colleagues and allowed her to gain new classroom ideas. Kristen said it deepened her understanding of Montessori education. Yvonne Nass also attended the AMS meeting as a school representative and said the HOS workshops helped us forge connected and relations between schools. Gina Castelli also indicated that many teachers had shared stories about the meeting and how workshops related to Responsive Classroom training. Courtney Fox presented an updated CBOC Needs Analysis followed by a Review of the School Calendar (Appendix E). Gregg Moist moved to accept the proposed school calendar into record. Laura Messenger seconded the motion. All were in favor.</p>
Budget	<p>Sean Boyd briefly presented the status of the FSMA financial reports (Appendix F). Courtney Fox indicated that we as a school, we were ahead budget-wise and that we were underspending.</p>
General Topics	<p>The board opted not to review the Business Manager Position with Sean Boyd. Gina Castelli asked about the Longwood Grant. Courtney Fox said that the grant process was competitive.</p>



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Annual Meeting

Corey Lamborn began the Presentation of Board

Candidates by covering the process for inviting/voting in the nominated parent candidates. Corey Lamborn, Jessie Keith, and Yvonne Nass were present at the PTO meeting, monitored the voting process and tallied the votes. Angela Angeny and Kyara Panula were the two parent candidates voted in at the PTO meeting. Angela Angeny and Kyara Panula then presented themselves and thanked The Board for their service.

Gregg Moist verified that there were open vacancies in the Board to welcome the prospective parent Board candidates. Gregg Moist called a vote to welcome Angela Angeny and Kayara Panula to the Board. Erin Carroll seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Yvonne Nass presented the four nominated at-large candidates, Zeke Allinson, Jeb, Chandra, and Chris Graham. All at-large candidates were present except for Chris Graham. She then covered the process for their acceptance. We advertised to new candidates online with an application date of March 5, 2015, applications were received, Seven candidates were interviewed by members of the Governance Committee, Interviewees were then invited to an FSMA Orientation, and invitations were sent to prospective candidates.

The four nominated at-large candidates presented themselves to the Board. Gregg Moist stressed that all new Board members must pass background checks before being fully accepted to the FSMA Board of Directors. Gregg Moist called to vote all at-large candidates onto the Board—conditioned on the background check. Jessie Keith seconded the motion. All were in favor. Katie McCormick asked Yvonne Nass to secure the needed background checks. Gregg Moist called the meeting to a close. The meeting was adjourned.



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