



First State Montessori Academy

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 27, 2017

Call to order: 8:17 a.m.

Adjournment: 9:20 a.m.

Location: First State Montessori Academy

In attendance: Zeke Allinson, Angela Angeny, Erin Carroll, Beth Carter, Ryan Connell, Jed Donohue, Meala Duckworth, Courtney Fox, Chanda Gilmore, Karen Grandell, Yvonne Nass, Kyara Panula, DaWayne Sims

Regret: Ryan Connell

Committee Reports:

1. Review of BOD meeting minutes from March 23, 2017
 - a) Spelling of Ryan Connell's name needs to be corrected.
 - b) Motion to approve minutes with correction made by Erin Carroll.
 - c) All in Favor. Motion Passed.

2. Finance Committee Report by DaWayne Sims
 - i) Current finances are strong and anticipated budget is accurate.
 - ii) CBOC will be doing 3- and 5-year fiscal modifications. Five year is required for charter renewal. Courtney Fox noted that they are looking to bring full-time salaries up to level with local districts in order to recruit and retain the best. Yvonne Nass stated this is something the board supports. DaWayne Sims added that the CBOC will ensure that FSMA maintains its financial health in doing these revisions.
 - iii) Board thanked the CBOC for their work and dedication.
 - iv) Jed Donahue motioned to accept the finance report. Beth Carter seconded.
 - v) All in favor. Motion passed.

3. Governance Committee Report by Beth Carter
 - a) Annual meeting moved to Tuesday, May 23 to avoid conflict with Memorial Day Weekend.
 - b) Annual meeting will include voting on the revised bylaws and two open board positions.

4. Development Committee Report by Jed Donohue
 - a) Tuesday, May 2 is the community event and each board member is encouraged to invite a community member/leader.
 - b) Meala Duckworth and Jed Donohue are starting to look at next event for the annual fund.
 - c) Created primer for board members to use when reaching out to possible monetary and non-monetary donors. Board thanked Development Committee for the primer that they found helpful and insightful.

5. Smarter Balance Overview presented by Liz Madden, FSMA Educational Director
 - a) Smarter Balance is state mandated and run that tests a student's ELA and math abilities. Both sections are given in a computer adaptive format and a performance test format. Liz provided details on how each format is given in each section to measure a student's critical thinking abilities/skills.
 - b) Liz explained the different methods the school has tried over the years in delivering the test that fits the schools culture and not to overwhelm the students. Test given over a number of days and weeks in Grades 3 – 7.
 - c) Parents should receive scores in July. FSMA will receive all scores and look more at trends than individual student performances.

Angela Angeny motioned to adjourn meeting. Gina Castelli seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Chanda Gilmore, Secretary