

Bluffview Montessori Board of Directors/WAPS Joint Meeting Minutes- April 14, 2021

BMS Board Members Present- Erich Lippman, Shelly Merchlewitz, Ann-Marie Dunbar, Katie Kinneberg, Meghan Booth, Henry Schantzen, Molly Leifeld, Dan Kirk

Non-board Members Present- Sherry Lohmeyer

Members Absent-

WAPS--Annette Freiheit, Steve Schild, Nancy Denzer, Karla Winter

1- Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

2- All members present introduced themselves.

3- Katie motioned and Molly seconded to approve the agenda for April 14, 2021.

4- Katie motioned and Molly seconded to approve the minutes from April 4, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

5- Open Forum: Nothing.

6- Henry walked us through the Authorizer change information, particularly the approval level.

7- Sherry walked us through the enrollment information, suggesting a high intent to return and strong enrollment overall.

8- Henry introduced our 5-year budget projection, suggesting a healthy financial outlook for the foreseeable future. He discussed our strong fund balance and the role of the PPP loan in offsetting our losses from pre-school tuition.

9- Henry shared Fastbridge Winter Screening information. The only numbers that look bad are reading scores for the youngest children, which is due to the pedagogical preference for cursive work at those grade levels. Scores generally recover in the 2nd through 8th grade groups.

10- Henry walked us through the state of our Summer School planning at this point. A high percentage of parents signaled a desire for it, especially at the youngest level (E1 primarily). It will be a mix of fun and educational support.

11- Henry introduced the WAPS board members to our COVID dashboard. The combination of hard work and good luck has led to our successful navigation of COVID-related issues--keeping the cases low despite having students back in full.

12- No additional new business.

13- Adjourned at 6:30 PM.