

Bluffview Montessori Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - January 18th, 2024

BMS Board Members Present-, Mariah White, Meghan Booth, Marcy Faircloth, Shelly Merchlewitz, Henry Schantzen, Anna Aarre, Jessica McIlrath, Crystal Hegge

Board Member Absent -

Non Board Members Present -

1- Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm

2- Approve Agenda -

Moved - Anna Aarre 2nd - Marcy Faircloth
approved unanimously

3 - Approve minutes from 12/21/23

Move to approve - Shelly Merchlewitz, Second - Marcy Faircloth
Abstain - Crystal Hegge
approved unanimously

Old Business

New Business

4 - Open Forum

5 - December FY24 Financial and Supplemental Reports

- ADMs continue at 214
- Cashflow is healthy
- All checks are accounted for and in sequence
- Fund 2 -- Food Service -- Revenues are behind as usual, but expenditures are 20% higher than previous year. This may be partially offset by insurance claim from lost food with the fridge went down in the summer. Perhaps also due to the large increase in meals served. We will continue to watch this fund and Freeze spending except on food needs for lunches.

Move to approve -- Crystal Hegge, Second -- Shelly Merchlewitz
Unanimously approved

7-Consent Agenda

Discussion around calendar for 24-25 school year. Looking into bussing for regular start on Sept. 3rd. This would allow BMS to extend spring break, building a workshop day, etc. If feasible Henry will bring options to families.

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Move to approve - Marcy Faircloth, Second - Crystal Hegge
Unanimously Approved

7 - Policies: 406, 513, 540, 604, 616, 618

604 - IV. remove “adult student” language, add “enrolled Bluffiew Student” to qualify parent guardian

540 - IV.C. additional clarifying language around kindergarten red-shirting, restrictions as preschoolers

Motion to approve policies 406, 513, 616, 618, and as amended 540 and 604 - Crystal Hegge
Second - Jessica McIlrath

Unanimously approved

8 - Annual Cycle of Review:

Charter School Authorizer Contract Review/Submission checklist

Montessori Philosophy: The Significance of Childhood

9 - Additional new business:

- Discussion on email regarding the website virtual tour

Motion to remove hallway pictures and replace classroom pictures with static pictures that do not show outdoor locations. – Marcy Faircloth

Further discussion –

- ESST/PLT Discussion from last month (see December minutes) -- request to have on the agenda in March or April so there is time to finalize payouts before those requests are due from staff.

10 - Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Crystal Hegge, 2nd Meghan Booth

Unanimously approved

Adjourn at 8:06 pm