

Bluffview Montessori Board of Directors Meeting Minutes- March 18, 2020

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

Guest Present: Dan Kirk, Maurella Cunningham (authorizer)

1- Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

2- Katie motioned and Molly seconded to approve the agenda for March 18, 2020.

3- Katie motioned and Molly seconded to approve the minutes as amended for February 19, 2020.

4- Employee Tuition Reimbursement Tabled

5- Open Forum: Henry is impressed by how effectively people are responding to the pandemic situation.

6- February Financials: \$6,600 of tech budget to spend. Most of it will be spent on technological preparations for remote teaching. Conference budget will go down as conferences have all been canceled. The preschool component will be tricky. We should lose a significant amount of money to tuition reimbursement--approximating \$30,000 at this point if people opt out of the program for the remainder of the academic year.

7- Henry hopes to be able to continue with the restorative practices goal for this summer. We have cancelled all events but 5K. Parent Conferences are going to change but details yet to emerge. Several attached MDE documents regarding COVID-19. Henry discussed the information those documents convey. We are, at this point, expecting teachers to be teaching from home by the 31st of March. It is likely that our childcare for first responders and medical personnel will continue even in a shelter-in-place situation. There were, of course, a variety of questions raised based on hypothetical situations, especially what might happen regarding shelter-in-place possibilities.

8- Katie motioned and Shelly seconded to accept letters of resignation of Leah Pasiuk and Roz Wenger-Vaughn. Unanimous approval.

9- Katie motioned and Meghan seconded to accept a letter of employment for Abbey Iberg. Unanimous approval.

10- AHOS Search Update- The school has extended an offer to Sherry Lohmeyer and it has been accepted. Shelly motioned and Katie seconded to offer her a letter of employment. Unanimous approval.

11- Employment Law discussion tabled until next month. Henry guided us through the "Preparation of the Guide" paper about preparation of the Montessori educator.

12- New Business- Maurella reported that she participated in an authorizer meeting today related to COVID-19. She updated us on 861's plans on how to respond to the situation.

13- Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.