

Bluffview Montessori Board of Directors Meeting Minutes-June 23, 2021

BMS Board Members Present- Shelly Merchlewitz, Ann-Marie Dunbar (via Zoom), Katie Kinneberg, Henry Schantzen, Meghan Booth, Erich Lippman

Non-board Members Present- Sherry Lohmeyer

Members Absent- Dan Kirk

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

2- Katie motioned and Shelly seconded to approve the agenda for June 23, 2021.

3- Katie motioned and Meghan seconded to approve the minutes for May 26, 2021.

Old Business

4- Policy Review: 703 Montessori Training--approved with Meghan's abstention.

New Business

5- Open Forum - none

6- May Financials - Food service looks rough but will even out. For the most part, it looks as it always does.

7- Consent Agenda

AHOS: We're full except for 5th grade. Preschool is getting there. Hiring is also proceeding apace. Good candidates and considerable experience, so we're optimistic. We're also down on compensatory revenue because food was free because of COVID relief.

HOS: Henry walked us through where the Safe Learning Plan is right now and what questions remain. The VOA conference in Bemidji was attended by Sherry and Henry, who made some very good connections and learned about lobbying. They also met several of the VOA people while there. Henry also provided a large number of information regarding funding opportunities. He pointed us to the COVID funding flow chart in his report.

8- 2021-2022 Meeting Schedule - We decided to set the meeting for next month (July 22) at this meeting, but decided to wait until that meeting (when the new board members are present) to set the 2021-2022 meeting schedule. Regardless of the schedule, board meetings for 2021-2022 will start at 6:30 instead of 6:00, as they have this year.

9- Letter of Resignation: Olivia Vandenberg - Shelly motioned and Katie seconded approval of the letter of resignation for Olivia Vandenberg. Unanimous approval.

10- Letter of Employment: Angela Kaul - Katie motioned and Shelly seconded approval of the letter of employment for Angela Kaul. Unanimous approval.

11- Stipends: Lohmeyer - Katie motioned and Shelly seconded approval of the stipend for Sherry Lohmeyer . Unanimous approval.

12- Bylaws: Henry walked us through the proposed amendments to the bylaws. Katie motioned and Shelly seconded approval of the bylaws as amended. Unanimous approval.

13- Annual Cycle of Review: Montessori-Observation--Katie walked us through the notion of observation and how it's used in the Montessori classroom.

14- Schedule Retreat, Discuss Content--We decided to table discussion until July when the new board members are present.

15- HOS Evaluation-Open Session as Requested by HOS: Ann-Marie summarized the board's perspective on Henry's performance in this most challenging of school years. The performance was, of course, positive overall, focusing on financial management, networking, and the change-in-authorizer process. The return to normal next year allows an opportunity to reset communication with families (bringing them into the school again for in-person engagement) and re-examine the division of labor between HOS and AHOS.

16- Additional New Business

17- Adjourned at 7:07 PM.