

Bluffview Montessori Board of Directors Meeting Minutes- June 9, 2022

BMS Board Members Present- Shelly Merchlewitz, Katie Kinneberg, Meghan Booth, Crystal Hegge, Mariah White

Via Zoom: Ann-Marie Dunbar

Board Member Absent -

Non-board Members Present- Henry Schantzen, Sherry Lohmeyer, Will Hesch

1- Meeting was called to order at 602 pm

2- Approve Agenda -

Moved - Shelly, 2nd - Crystal, approved unanimously

3- Approve Minutes from 5.26.22

Moved as amended- Shelly, 2nd - Mariah approved unanimously

4- Open Forum

Will Hesch -- Come to address concerns about math dailies which was his comment in the parent/community survey. Shared concerns about how Dailies are utilized in the classroom. That students may feel overwhelmed with the number of problems presented at once and the application of that data in the classroom. Recommendation of the board is to invite Will to the first pedagogy meeting in September as that is who would best address this concern.

Old Business

New Business

5- May Financials

Enrollment at 212, still waiting for Food Service account to catch up and final Children's House billing won't be done until the end of the month.

Supplemental Report

- 6816 was out of order last month and as been fixed in this report

- Cash Flow is as expected and in good standing.

Move to approve - Crystal, Second - Meghan, approved unanimously

6- Consent Agenda -- Not applicable for this meeting due to short time period since last board meeting.

7-- FastBridge Data, Spring 2022

All grades meet the 20/80 proficiency metric, Grade Two two is below the national average in both reading and math. We have implemented programs such as Reading Club to help address this learning gap. Fourth grade math scores are good, but growth is lower than we would like to see and Admin will need to dig into why that may be in for the fall.

8 - Second Read - Policy Audit Process: 207, 209, 211, 212, 213, 301, 302
Moved -- Crystal, Second -- Shelly, unanimous approval

9- First Read - Policy Audit Process: 303, 304, 305, 306, 403, 408, 409, 421, 422, 423, 504, 505, 904

Review and be prepared to vote on them in the July meeting.

Move for Policy 504 to be pulled and addressed in the fall by committee. Second Shelly - approved unanimously

10- Annual Cycle of Review:

Proposed Annual Cycle of Review for School years 22-23 & 23-24,

Montessori Philosophy: Cosmic Plan, Task, and Education

Move to approve annual cycle of review as amended - Crystal, Second - Shelly, approved unanimously

11- HOS Evaluation in Open Session

Overall positive results. Discussion on how to best oversee staff to “ensure” practices mentioned in the survey are being done. Tasks mentioned seemed best suited to pedagogy and specifically peer observers.

12 - New Board members

Anna Aarre for teacher position vacated by Katie

Marcy Faircloth as a community member, Meghan will follow up with Marcy

Heather Caspers -- nephews in attendance

13 - Additional new business

14 -Set July Board meeting. July 21 at 6:30 is proposed, Finance Committee at 6:00

15 - Adjourn

Motion Crystal, Second Meghan, unanimous approval

Adjourn at 8:15pm