

Lowcountry Montessori School Meeting Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting
August 25, 2016
6:30 P.M.
749 Broad River Drive, Beaufort, SC 29907

Lowcountry Montessori School's mission is to increase access to an authentic Montessori-based education in Beaufort and Jasper Counties. Our staff and parents will collaborate to foster the development of independent, well-rounded, academically-prepared and responsible citizens. LMS is committed to creating an environment that inspires children to become lifelong learners and creative problem solvers for the 21st Century and beyond.

Board members in attendance: Patrick Chester, Janice Johnson, Eve Fleming, Michele Clark, Allison Romaine

Board members absent: Jenn Dunn, Scott Webb

Opening

1. Call to Order – Patrick called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.
2. Reading of Mission Statement - Patrick read the mission statement of LMS.
3. Approval of Agenda - Patrick moved to approve the agenda. Michele 2nded. All in favor: All
4. Statement of Compliance with FOIA - Patrick announced that the meeting notice and agenda were posted on the door of school, the school website, and provided to the newspaper in compliance with FOIA.
5. Approval of Minutes from July 28, 2016 board meeting – Patrick moved to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2016 meeting. Michele 2nded. All in favor: All

Director's Report

6. Amy Horn reported that the start of the school year has gone more smoothly than ever. Amy also reported that while parking and drop off went well, protocols are still being worked out to make things even more efficient, and notice will go out to parents via email regarding changes to carline procedure and pickup before and after school.

Education

7. Discussion of satisfaction survey results. Amy Horn said surveys had been reported to her, and needed to be broken down and compiled.
8. Vote to approve final Code of Conduct (ratifying unanimous informal action taken by the board). Patrick moved. Michele 2nded. All in favor: All.

Finance & Business

9. Review and acceptance of July 2016 financial reports. Eve moved to accept the July financial reports. Michele 2nded. All in favor: All.

Board

10. Discussion of creating a strategic plan, and fund raising:

- . a) Board agreed that a strategic plan will be drafted with input from students, families, faculty, administration and friends of the school, to ensure LMS remains financially stable and forward-thinking, with decisions about program and campus enhancements made thoughtfully and in the best interests of all children. In addition, a strategic plan will help ensure LMS continues to provide a comprehensive and authentic Montessori experience through high school.

- . b) Amy Horn reported that fund raising will begin soon for a new pole barn.

11. Public Comment — None

12. Old business — None

13. New business — None

14. Executive Session (closed to public) – Patrick moved to enter executive session at 7:45pm to discuss confidential legal and personnel matters. Janice 2nded. All in favor: All

Eve moved to exit executive session at approximately 8:13. Michele 2nded. All in favor: All

15. Vote on issues from Executive Session — None required

16. Adjourn

Patrick moved to adjourn at 8:15. Janice 2nded. All in favor: All.

* The Board welcomes public comments but gently reminds that this is not a question-and-answer period. Comments should be limited to no more than three minutes per person.

* LMS will not limit, deny admission or show preference to any individual or group of individuals. LMS will recruit, register, and admit students without regard to race, creed, gender, national origin, ancestry, disability or need for Special Education services. In accordance with Section 59-40-50 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 59, Chapter 40, LMS will admit all students eligible to attend first through twelfth grades residing in South Carolina, subject to space limitations.

