

James Island Constituent District 3 Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2022

Board Members Present: Katy Calloway, Cynthia Smalls, George Tempel, Susannah Sheldon, Sue McManus

Proceedings:

I. Call to Order & Moment of Silence:

The board meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by the Board Chair, Katy Calloway, followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Adoption of Agenda:

Dr. George Tempel moved, with a second by Katy Calloway, to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 3-0.

III. Approval of Minutes:

George Tempel moved, seconded by Katy Calloway, to approve the minutes from August 1, 2022, and August 9, 2022, meetings with necessary corrections. The motion passed 3-0.

Susannah Sheldon joined the meeting.

IV. Visitors/Public Comment:

Bainie Brunson – SIC Chair, Murray LaSaine Montessori School

Q1: Murray LaSaine Montessori would like to continue to advocate for a move to full magnet status. This is the only way we will be able to level out our enrollment numbers and honor a true Montessori experience. We need to know as much as we can about these decisions this fall as they affect our tours as well as the School Choice process. Please let us know what the sentiment at District is regarding this and a potential timeline for that status change.

Q2: Our Math Interventionist is an important position that we have put in place at Murray LaSaine Montessori with COVID, ESSER II funds. This position is locked in for this year but has no future after those funds run out. This is a critical position for our students and we would like to see it included in our allocations and budget for the foreseeable future. Could you help us to advocate for this at the District level? We can provide plenty of data to support the argument for keeping this position within our building.

Cynthia Smalls joined the meeting.

V. District Updates:

Bob Olson shared that the school year started with a fairly smooth opening.

Mr. Olson spoke briefly about updates that were recently shared with the board about test scores and organizational changes.

Ms. Calloway will work on drafting a new letter to the Board of Trustees regarding Murray LaSaine converting to full Montessori. The board plans to send the letter to the Board of Trustees and also appear before the board to bring it to their attention.

VI. Constituent Board Report:

Murray LaSaine Montessori – Dr. George Tempel

Dr. George Tempel provided a brief update from Murray LaSaine's SIC meeting. The school welcomed a new assistant administrator this year, Ms. Nikki Hollander. The school will host "Montessori Morning at MLES from November 9-11. The school needs a full-time math interventionist.

James Island Elementary – Rev. Cynthia Smalls

Kudos to Ms. Gregory are doing a wonderful job!

Rev. Smalls and the board expressed the need for an assistant principal at James Island Elementary School.

Updates from school administrators are attached.

VII. Old Business:

No Old Business was discussed.

VIII. New Business:

A. Annual Report Presentation

The board reviewed last year's report and discussed information to be included in this year's report.

Ms. Calloway excused herself due to another meeting.

IX. Announcements:

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X. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Cynthia Smalls, seconded by George Tempel, to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. The motion passed 4-0.

Approved 10.11.22