

Meeting Agenda
East Cooper Montessori Charter School

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Executive 5:00 pm Open Meeting 5:30 pm

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Executive Session:

I. Administrative -

A. Meeting was called to order at 5:36pm

B. Board Members Roll Call:

Abby Kazley- Year 2 of 2 -Chair Present
Kristen Rising - Year 2 of 2 -Secretary Present
DJ Barnhill - Year 2 of 2 Treasurer Present
Denise Runza - Year 2 of 2 Not Present
Deidre Ostrander- Year 2 of 2 Present
Chris Hagy- Year 1 of 2 Present
Anne-Merle Byant Year 1 of 2 Present

C. Ex-Officio Members:

Jody Swanigan, Principal Present
Billy Koll, Financial Director Present
Brooke Johnson, Teacher Member Present

D. Mission Statement: Provide a rigorous Montessori education guiding the children toward academic excellence, lifelong learning, and stewardship of the greater community.

E. Freedom of Information Compliance:

In compliance

G. Public Comment:

NA

II. Presentation/Discussion Items:

A. Financial/Development

a. Budget - Billy

- i. Budget increase, down one lead teacher in upper El. Health insurance elections took place for new hires. Lisa Klus moved from assistant administrator to AP. Audit is beginning. \$267K positive.**

B. Educational Program:

- a. Principal Presentation
 - i. New standards for social studies and science
 - ii. CCSD discontinued MAP testing and moved to iReady. ECMCS had challenges with iReady during the Pandemic. At this time, ECMCS will stay with MAP.

C. Administration/HR

- a. New Hires - Jody
 - NA
- b. District Charter Nursing Services
 - i. Jody spoke of examples where charter schools do not receive the same offerings as CCSD schools. She is pushing for this to change.

D. Community & Public Relations

- a. PTN
 - i. Merissa and Kimberly Riggs to lead the revamped PTN. More info to come during Back to School Night.
 - ii. Booster run, planning with 20th Birthday party in February
- b. Board/parent committees
 - i. Education, Technology, Diversity, Team Building/People, Finance and Families are the committees
 - ii. Review strategic plan prior to the next board meeting

E. Facilities:

- a. Driveway Billy/Jody
 - i. Temporary security fencing to be improved based on Billy's findings with the crew.
 - ii. Capital project through district
 - iii. On hold until end of September; to be completed around Thanksgiving time frame
- b. Air quality initiative - Billy
 - i. 2 classrooms still have pending work orders with the district
- c. Playground - Billy/Jody
 - i. July 26 was the ship date for the new equipment. Now it's delayed and the install/arrival is TBD.
 - ii. Fire truck lane is completed.
 - iii. Additional security gate to be added to the annex.
- d. New Building - Jody
 - i. NA

Action Items:

- Contracts NA
- Budget Approval NA
- September 21 meeting in person at ECMCS

Meeting adjourned at: 6:19pm

Your Governing Board

The governing board recognizes that public support and open lines of communication are the keys to our school's success.

We encourage you to become involved in our school, to be informed about issues that affect students, parents, and our staff, to inform board members about your concerns, and to attend board meetings. The responsibility of the Governing Board of East Cooper Montessori Charter School is to ensure excellence in the governance of a quality educational program by supporting the school's mission and charter, analyzing needs, establishing policies, allocating resources, and monitoring progress.

Board Meetings

Regular meetings of the Governing Board are held the second Thursday of each month, beginning at 5:30 pm at East Cooper Montessori Charter School or on Zoom. Special-called meetings are scheduled as needed.

Citizen Participation

Anyone wishing to speak to the Board must register in person the night of the regular meeting. The opportunity to address the Board at each regular Board Meeting is 20 minutes at the beginning of the meeting.

- Each speaker has three minutes.
- Speakers may not ask questions of board members.
- Board members may not engage speakers in discussion.
- Disruptive behavior is not permitted.
- Personal attacks aimed at students or staff are not permitted.
- Scurrilous, obscene, or recklessly defamatory language aimed at any board member is not permitted.

The board will follow up on all matters presented by speakers.