

Meeting Agenda
East Cooper Montessori Charter School

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Executive 5:00 pm Open Meeting 5:30 pm
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Executive Session:

I. Administrative -

A. Meeting was called to order at 5:33pm

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 PRESENT
Chris Hagy- Year 1 of 2 PRESENT
Anne-Merle Bryant- Year 1 of 2 PRESENT
Deidre Ostrander- Year 2 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. Dashboard
 - i. Reviewed balance sheet for March 31. Cash \$4.8M, Equity \$3M, Liabilities \$2.2M, and Assets \$420K. YTD \$263K positive for the school year.
- b. 2023-24 Budget - Third reading
 - i. \$235K positive for 2023-2024 school year. Reviewed adjustments since 2nd reading.
- c. ESSER updates
 - i. ESSR 2 already spent. ESSR 3 received and due September 2024.
- d. Development for the year
 - i. \$71K against \$75K

B. Educational Program:

- a. Principal Presentation

- i. Reviewed the ARTs presentation. Discussed recharter process beginning over the next year.
- b. ARTS Presentation. Alana Vest & Shelby Thompson presented their materials for Art and Music respectively, as well as touched on theater, PE, and STEM. The presentation showcased highlights in each discipline for the year to date. Presentation is in Google Drive for reference. ECMCS is not just a school, it's an experience.

C. Administration/HR

- a. Open Positions
 - i. Middle School Math teacher, made an offer, awaiting response. Behavioral specialist position, completing remaining interviews.
 - ii. 2 TA - UE & MS

D. Community & Public Relations

- a. PTN- monthly meetings ongoing, with strong committee participations
- b. Board/parent committees
- c. Strategic Planning Committee Assignments
 - i. Academic Achievement: EL consideration, Jody will have proposal by next month
 - ii. Organizational Viability: Recruitment
 - iii. Social and Emotional Learning: school counselor additional.
 - iv. Adherence to Montessori and Charter Principles
- d. Safety updates - Camera Review: not discussed

E. Facilities:

- a. Gym: Upcoming meeting with CCSD facility team for the gym/expansion

Action Items:

Votes:

March 2023 Meeting Minutes: Motioned and approved

Staffing/Teacher Agreement: substitute for maternity leave of school psychologist, Jenny Saunders:
Motioned and Approved

Third Reading of the Budget: Motioned and Approved

Meeting adjourned at: 6:456pm

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.