

Meeting Agenda
East Cooper Montessori Charter School

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Executive 5:00 pm Open Meeting 5:30 pm
Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 839 4165 9159

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Executive Session:

I. Administrative -

A. Meeting was called to order at 5:34pm

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. Equity ~\$3M, Budget to Actual YTD \$87K
 - ii. ESSER now on dashboard
 - iii. Enrollment 433 students
- b. 2023-2024 Budget - first reading
 - i. 5% increase to all staff (following CCSD)
 - ii. Accounting for substitutes in budget
 - iii. Additional technology (outside of ESSER)
 - iv. \$274,350 positive
- c. ESSER updates

- i. No adjustments, now included within the dashboard
- d. Development for the year
 - i. Goal: \$75K, YTD: \$64,158
 - ii. Projected events: Color Run May 12

B. Educational Program:

- a. Principal Presentation
- b. Instructional Coaches- Putting the Data Where It counts
 - i. Angie Alves, Anna Getsinger, Marie Connelly, and Lauren McMillin, along with Lisa Klus all in attendance
 - ii. Very thorough presentations on specific work this team is implementing. So much positive energy and connection within this small group.
 1. Lauren: Data spreadsheet by teacher used for Glow & Grow discussions
 2. Anna: Read to Succeed → EL & Writing
 3. Angie: Professional Growth, PLC Professional Learning Community
 4. Marie: Technology, incorporating at all levels in appropriate manner

C. Administration/HR

- a. Open Positions
 - i. MS Math
 - ii. New Position: Behavior Specialist

D. Community & Public Relations

- a. PTN
 - i. Team is building, more to come
- b. Board/parent committees
- c. Strategic Planning Committee Assignments
 - i. Academic Achievement
 - ii. Organizational Viability
 - iii. Social and Emotional Learning
 - iv. Adherence to Montessori and Charter Principles
- d. Safety updates

E. Facilities:

- a. Driveway
- b. Playground
 - i. New basketball goals
- c. Gym
- d. New windows: receiving a quote to replace ones in the Grand Hall
- e. Bee Hives
 - i. 2 Bee Hives coming to ECMCS.

Action Items:

Votes:

Contracts

- Increase contract from 190 to 200 days for STEM, reading coach, and media - approved
- January 2023 Meeting Minutes - approved
- Behavior Specialist - MTSS (Multi Tier Systems of Support) - approved
- Addendum to school policy for chronic absenteeism - approved

Meeting adjourned at: 7:47 pm

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.