

**Montessori Middle School, Inc.
Lakeland Montessori Schoolhouse, Inc.
Board of Directors Meetings
October 2, 2014**

Attendance

Board members in attendance

Susan Truett, Nancye Blair, Nancy Moses, Tim Seldin, Nicole Marsh, Harlan Crosswait

Board members not in attendance

Lori DeAngelis

Others Present in School Capacity

Heather Manrow, Principal of LMS and MMS

Josie Zinninger, Director of Finance and Strategic Planning for LMS and MMS

Location:

Lakeland Montessori Schoolhouse, 1124 N. Lake Parker Ave, Lakeland, FL 33805

Called to order by Susan Truett at 4:30 PM.

Susan Truett noted that this is a simultaneous Board Meeting of both the Lakeland Montessori Schoolhouse, Inc. (LMS) and Montessori Middle School, Inc. (MMS), which are separate legal entities.

Approval of Board Minutes

Susan Truett made a motion to approve the amended combined LMS and MMS minutes from the August 16, 2014 Board meeting.

- Second: Nicole Marsh
- Approval: Unanimous

Public Comment on Agenda Items

- None

Harlan Crosswait entered at 4:36 PM.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Audit Report

Mike D. Brynjulfson, CPA, the independent auditor for both charter schools, gave the results of the audits concluding on June 30, 2014. The auditor stated that LMS and MMS received all clean reports with both schools in compliance and having no internal control deficiencies.

Lakeland Montessori Schoolhouse, Inc. and Montessori Middle School, Inc. Principal Report

Heather Manrow reported that we are off to a great start to the school year. The new staff at LMS are integrating well into the school culture. Enrollment at LMS is 109 students, and MMS has 61 students enrolled. FTE week begins October 13.

Accreditation Process

Josie Zininger reported on the status of the accreditation process. As stated in the candidacy letter from the American Montessori Society (AMS), our AMS Application for Initial School Accreditation has been approved and Lakeland Montessori (both schools, age three - grade 8) is now a candidate for American Montessori Society School Accreditation. Accreditation is the highest level of recognition by the American Montessori Society. It affirms that a school is an authentic model of Montessori education and that it demonstrates compliance with the rigorous, qualitative standards prescribed the Society. In order to receive this approval, we were required to qualify as a full member of the American Montessori Society for at least one year before application. Additionally, an extensive application with required documentation was submitted. Josie shared that the administration is excited to continue on this journey towards maintaining and sharing our authentic Montessori program on a community, state, and national level. The next step is beginning the extensive self-study phase. The whole process may take up to three years.

Financial Report

Josie Zininger gave the current financial reports for LMS and MMS. Both reports displayed a positive net income for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

ACTION ITEMS

Sidewalk and Parking Lot Repairs

Nancy Moses moved to approve up to \$20,000 from LMS' unassigned funds to cover the expense of sidewalk and parking lot repairs. (Blueprint Section 3: Facilities)

- Second: Harlan Crosswait
- Approval: Unanimous

MMS Representative

Susan Truett moved that we appoint Heather Manrow as MMS Representative to carry out the responsibilities per the Florida law for charter schools, 1022.33(7)19(d)(1). (Blueprint Section 6: Building the School Community)

- Second: Harlan Crosswait
- Approval: Unanimous

BOARD MEMBER MATTERS

Evaluation Committees

Susan Truett shared the schedule of simultaneous meetings for the LMS and MMS Evaluation Committees, which will take place at 215 East Bay Street, Suite 1, Lakeland, FL, 33801 on:

- December 11 @ 7 PM
- January 15 @ 7 PM
- February 12 @ 7 PM
- March 19 @ 7 PM

Expansion Discussion

Josie Zinninger shared an update on the inquiry into expansion at LMS. The Board discussed various instructional, financial, and organizational factors involved in the decision to expand.

Harlan Crosswait left the room at 6:44 PM.

Harlan Crosswait returned to the room at 6:45 PM.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

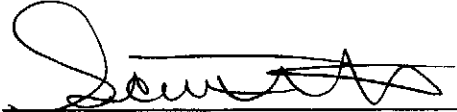
None.

The next board meeting will be on ^{December 11} ~~October 2~~, 2014 at 4:30 PM at the Lakeland Montessori Schoolhouse.

Meeting adjourned by Susan Truett at 7:07 PM.

These minutes were faithfully recorded by Nancye Blair, Secretary.

We agree that these minutes honestly and faithfully represent the business of the Lakeland Montessori Schoolhouse, Inc. and Montessori Middle School, Inc. Boards of Directors at their meeting on October 2, 2014.



Susan Truett

12/11/14
Date

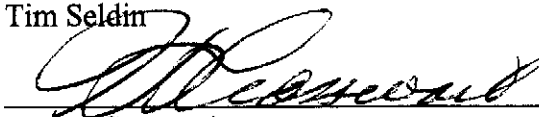


Nancye Blair

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Nancy Moses

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Tim Seldin


Harlan Crosswait

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Nicole Marsh

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