



**Washington Montessori
 Public Charter School**
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**Final
 January Minutes**
 January 19th, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Mission Statement: *Our mission is to inspire academic excellence; to nurture curiosity, creativity, and imagination; and to do so within an environment rich with warmth, kindness, and respect.*

Board of Trustee Members (Voting)	Board of Trustee Ex-Officio Members (Non-Voting)
X Jamie Midgette, Chair X Lisa Lawless, Secretary X Joseph Knox, Member X Sara Watson, Member X Crystal Swindell, Member	Darla Prescott, Directress of Education and Academics X Rick Yakubowski, Director of Finance and Operations X Amber Miller, Faculty Representative TBD, MPTO Representative

Acronyms Used: Board of Trustees (BoT), Head of School (HoS), Montessori Parent Teacher Organization (MPTO)

OPEN SESSION

ITEM	RESPONSIBILITY AND BASIS	REFERENCE OR ATTACHMENTS
Call to Order 7:03 pm	Jamie Midgette called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Members were present and represented by the "X" mark above. Sara Watson read the Mission Statement.	Member sign-in sheet
Agenda	Agenda reviewed. Requested to add WMPCS by-law review/discussion under other business. MOTION: Lisa Lawless made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Sara Watson 2nd. All in Favor. Motion carried.	
Privilege of the Floor	Privilege of the floor: 3 min timekeeper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ingrid Hall introducing the Student Government Association 	See Public Comments
Action Items	Approval of 11-17-22 Minutes reviewed. Add Rick Yakubowski to Ex-Officio at top of the minutes. MOTION: Sara Watson made a motion to accept the 11-17-22 minutes as amended. Joseph Knox 2nd. All in favor and the Motion carried.	

**New Business/
Next
Agenda/Discussion**

Children's House Report:

- We received an invitation from the Secondary Level to join in on the Appreciation Reception for local Law Enforcement on Nov. 22nd. Our students recited poetry and thanked the officers for their service.
- CH Salvation Army Toy Drive - On November 29th we collected toys at the basketball game for an admission fee. During the collection period, we collected over 130 toys for the Salvation Army.
- Festival of Trees in Belhaven sponsored by "Arts on the Pungo" on December 8th - This community outreach gave us the opportunity to introduce WMPCS, our students, and staff by decorating a Montessori-themed Christmas tree for the public to view. Our class was able to donate over \$50.00 to the "Arts on the Pungo" which supports art programs for young children in Beaufort County. As a bonus, we had 3 winners in the art contest which included 1st, 2nd, and an Honorable Mention. Winners received art supplies and HM received a pizza gift certificate.
- Dec. 13th CH Reading Workshop "Think Aloud" presented by Robin Ventura
- Parent Volunteers have gone above and beyond the month of December. They helped with the luncheon that we hosted for Administration, EC staff, Encore staff, and the CH guides. They helped with the toy drive, in Belhaven outreach, and have generously donated.
- Children returned after break ready to work. They have settled into their routine quickly.
- Winter Benchmarks are upcoming.

Elementary Report:

- MAPS testing this month
- All students participating in a book club/literature circle in their classroom
- Poorman's Restaurant hot lunch-UE business
- Students ready to work upon return from break

Secondary Report:

- THANKSgiving and Friendsgiving Event
- Guided Work Cycle Intervention, quarter 2 average 28 students
- Shop/maker space class raft launch, Washington Iron Works, December 6
- Independent classes presented.
 - Play on campus with writing
- Classes closed the second quarter by presenting projects
- New Montessori PD for staff, started Wednesday, January 4th; weekly on

Wednesdays

- New semester starting Wednesday, January 18th

1. Science - Dr. Chad Smith from BCC teach Biology- 2 days week
2. Imagine learning online curriculum - Earth Science Mr. Lewis will help guide this class
 - Imagine Learning is letting us customize the curriculum for our school
 - Grades will not be on Schoology
 - Parents invited to learn about system
 - 24-hour tutoring
 - Will take 1 hour of work each day
3. Mr. Rohner -4th Science

Lisa requested an update on Earth Science Imagine learning at the next meeting.

Secondary II Spring Electives

- Photography
- Intro to Chemistry and Physics
- Marketing
- Team Sports
- Acting 2
- Health & PE
- Design & Communication

Secondary Going out Experiences:

- NHS students packed Toys for Tots collected for St. Peter's Episcopal.
- Architectural Photography and art installation at Brown Library field trip, Washington, January 5

Secondary Experiences hosted on Campus:

- Scholastic Book Fair, Middle School, November 29-December 2
- Light Show hosted by middle school, December 2
- Winter formal, January 13

Amber Miller- Faulty Rep

- Reported all the elementary kids visited teacher others classrooms to learn about Christmas traditions from other countries.
- Kids were ready to get back to work after Christmas
- Reading Intervention new schedule - All kids are pulled out during s
- De-escalation training went well -half staff
- Teacher Workday- Report Cards ready

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Excited playground is ready. <p>MPTO will hold till next month when they can read them</p> <p>Jamie: Addressed Mrs. Prescott out of the office, we have multiple staff members stepping up to help. Noted how the new leadership structure with Heads of School of schools has worked very well.</p> <p>Reserved a Moment of Silence for Mrs. Prescott.</p> <p>All employee roles filled -Not hiring new interventions at this time.</p> <p>Playground: The surface is complete, swings are being hung now. Signs made for the care of the surface.</p> <p>HVAC: Worked on the Winter Break Website is complete Floor waxing in the gym is complete</p> <p>Finances- Rick Reviewed the report</p> <p>Budget is in line with expected spending at mid-year. Discussed- BASC, Day School & Athletics Funds 7 & 5 Will prepare a time frame of existing staff funds needed for next year at the February Meeting.</p> <p>Carol Collier presented the Coeco copier proposal to upgrade all the large Cannon copiers on campus with Kyocera copiers. Current copiers are 9-10 years, not compatible with newer laptops or student Chromebooks and do not print color. The proposal shows it will be cost comparable to current spending on extra toner for multiple color HP printers on campus.</p> <p>MOTION: Joseph Knox made a motion to approve the copier proposal. Sara Watson 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.</p>	
Other Business/Motions	<p>1. Introduction Crystal Swindell newest Board Member Community Elected Seat</p> <p>Discussed the nominations for the self-perpetuating BoT seat. Two current members of the Board will contact and interview before the February Meeting.</p> <p>Sara Watson & Joseph Knox volunteered to Interview</p> <p>2. Discussed WMPCS By-Laws. The following items need corrections:</p> <p>Article VII Sec. 1 Discussed approval of new bylaws, August will be the designated month to</p>	See attached

	<p>Article IV Sec 2. Discussed the number of members required on the Board-reduce from a max of 13</p>	
	<p>Article IV Sec. 2 Discussed the wording that you can serve 2 consecutive terms then the member must have a 2-year break and then return for another term. Would like to have this reworded to match the old policy vs. the new wording.</p> <p>Discussed changing that the MPTO should report to the Board since they have MPTO by laws and are self-accountable.</p> <p>MOTION: Sara Weston made a motion to approve WMPCS By-Laws as amended. Joseph Knox 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.</p>	
Closed Session	<p>MOTION: At 8:10 p.m. Lisa Lawless made a motion to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a). Sara Watson 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.</p>	
Return to Open Session and Adjournment	<p>MOTION: At 10:04 p.m. Sara Watson made a motion to return to Open Session. Joseph Knox 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.</p> <p>MOTION: Sara Watson made a motion to approve Chad Smith employee contract for the remainder of the 22-23 school year. Joseph Knox 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.</p> <p>Announcement - Jamie Midgette made a announcement to appoint Austin Andrews as Acting Head of School in Darla Prescott's Absense.</p> <p>MOTION: At 10:04 p.m. Sara Watson moved to adjourn. Joseph Knox 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.</p>	

Community Members at the Meeting: See Sign-in

1. Kate Oliver
2. Angie Fox
3. Austin Andrews
4. Alexis Kelly & spouse
5. Donna Johnson
6. Amanda Holton
7. JoDee Anderson
8. Donna Johnson & spouse
9. Jennifer Cornelius
10. Amber Miller
11. Ingrid Hall
12. Unknown man with camera
13. Katelyn Woolard
14. Dustin Waters



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The privilege of the Floor:

3 min timekeeper

Public Comments Protocol read by **Jamie Midgette**

1. Ingrid Hall Introduction to the Student Government Association

a. President Dustin Waters

- i. Read introduction Is job is to bring student concerns to the board
- ii. 12th Katelyn Woolard
- iii. 11th Grade Rep
- iv. 10th Gavin Hassell
- v. 9th Deeson Swaln
- vi. Secretary- Holly Anglemery, Stefany Escalona

b. Vice President Katelyn Woolard

- i. Be present when the president cannot be present

Board requested a full list of representatives. Informed them that the new Student Government would be able to address the Board before the Level Reports are given at each meeting.