

Governance Board Meeting Minutes

November 2nd, 2020

Members present: Nancy Schaitel, Wendy Bernett, Dave Gaunky, Camille Vetterkind, Connie Jerome, Alicia Gaunky, Rachel Frazee, Amy Stockert, Laurie Schauf, Sue James, Teri Kenyon, Rhonda Greeno, Nikki Edmond

- I. Call to Order 604pm
- II. Minutes from September meeting, approved
- III. Principal's Report
 - A. Asked Mrs. Kulig for a total tally of COVID cases, current one that is put out only shows active cases.
 - B. Discussing the possibility of bringing a few kids (around 5 per classroom) in once or twice a week--those who are struggling.
 - C. Fundraiser link was sent out incorrectly but has been corrected--will run for the next two weeks.
<https://www.boonsupply.com/collections/612164-sparta-montessori-school-pto>
 - D. A survey was sent out for SVLA for parents to indicate if they wanted to switch for the next trimester.
 - E. Music teacher, Ms. Barribeau resigned mid-October, currently there is 1 applicant, possibly waiting for those that finish student teaching in Dec to apply.
 - F. Partnering with Sparta Free Library - Rachel has been in contact with the library and we have shared information about the activity bags the library provides, Nov/Dec is Dinovember.
 - G. Conferences for staff to attend - UWL conference is virtual if staff want to attend the GB pays for this.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Resources/Finance
 1. 3YO in Children's House
 - a) It will be a lot easier for us to expand to this area than traditional elementary--possibly pilot this at Montessori
 - b) Daycares were concerned how this would affect them
 - c) Tuition of some kind would need to be charged
 - B. Education/Student Performance
 1. Teachers/assistants met with a group of other teachers in la crosse to share ideas.
 - a) Discussed a flipped classroom, where more lessons would be pre record to allow students more work time. Still would have morning meetings and small groups.

2. At this time E1 teachers meet to decide on lessons together and then record their own lessons, so that each student is seeing their own teacher.
3. Children's House is focusing on sending home a lot of hands on materials, this is working well.
4. There was a survey sent out to parents asking questions about how virtual learning is going. Seems like most results were kind of in the middle. Every family needs something different.
5. Assistants only having chromebooks is still causing a lot of issues.

C. PTO Committee

1. Sue took over the handbook review.

V. Old Business

A. Mission/Vision updates

1. **New Mission:** To nurture students in partnership with their caregivers to support their becoming the best version of themselves by providing seamless, high quality Montessori education.
2. Motion by Nancy to approve, Alicia seconded, approved by board.
3. **New Vision:** Sparta Montessori strives to become the child's home away from home and to be a beacon for setting the standards of excellence in education of the whole child and family.
4. Motion by Rhonda to approve, Nancy seconded, approved by board.

B. Weekly school zoom meetings open to anyone

1. Wondering if the PTO would want to head this up--it will be put on the agenda for the PTO's next meeting
2. Discussed some ideas for topics, everyone would be free to share what they wanted.

VI. New Business

- A. Reviewed budget by line and Dr. Wendy showed what had already been spent.
- B. COVID related costs come from the district budget.
- C. BOE has approved the budget, but there are measures in place in case we do not have enough.
- D. Motion made by Rachel to approve, Sue seconded, board approved.

VII. Adjourned - 728pm; Next meeting **January 4, 2021 6pm**