

Petoskey Montessori Children's House and Elementary School
Board of Trustees
January 9, 2024 5:30pm
Petoskey Public Library

AGENDA

Called to order 5:34 pm

Attendance: Natalie Walts, Nicky Byron, Anna Collins, Rebecca Roth, MaryJo Alshab, Angie Moulton, Amber Neils, Sarah Agurcia, Russell Carpenter

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Walts, 2nd by Collins, Unanimously carried

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Collins, 2nd by Walts, Unanimously carried

New Business

Administration

- Bad Weather Closures – Policy Review: Staff propose that when PSP closes, we close as well, including YCC, Nido and Primary. Discussion regarding payment to staff, pro-rating tuition costs tabled. Set number of “inclement weather days” Six would be in line with PSP
 - Vote: Byron moves to change policy: vote carried unanimously
- Enrollment/Staffing Updates: none

Financial

- Variance Reports: Nothing remarkable
- Cash Position
- Payroll Penalty Update: Stabenow's office updated regarding waiving late fees that all documents are submitted, but the IRS requested additional time to review.
- Restitution Update: no payment since end of September; failure to pay notice to go out this week, if no payment, order to appear in court will be issued—potential jail time

Committees

- Maintenance Committee: Primary new doorbell needed desperately – discuss potential of a heavy duty replacement that can be hard-wired Agurcia will work with Jason Hall-he's going to help with a lamp already and can do electrical work. Perhaps upgrade YCC's in the meantime. No other updates
- Fundraising: Discussion with Crooked Tree Arts Show to partner for a potential spring art show and display and purchase/bid PMES artwork. Perhaps to be combined with a spring social event, perhaps local businesses to buy and display i.e. doctors, dentists, etc. Class project – informal school auction, individual student art – flat rate. Sturgeon River donations of art display pieces. Goal for April 22 timeframe
- Social Committee: meeting Saturday to plan the Winter Social – will discuss Art Auction plans
- Finance Committee: Nothing new to report

BOT

- PSP Meeting – Schedule follow up with PSP, proposed dates: asked to provide dates/times for a regrouping – will check with Rebecca, Sarah C. and Brandon W. on when will work – January 23rd or 30th. Researching testing data to refute “poor performance” comment, pulled stats about other public Montessori schools – how to integrate into public school model. School board appreciation week is this month – meeting next Thursday, Jan 18th – gift

brainstorm. Continue to solicit letters of support and people to come in person to the PSP board meeting, when we know that it is scheduled.

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- Professional Development Days: Agurcia spoke to Susan Chowden about classroom management, and plan to sit down to discuss—need to table it for this school year because we need to give parents more lead time. Goal for next fall.

Adjourn 6:21 pm

Next Meeting – February 13, 2024 @ 5:30pm, Petoskey Public Library