

Petoskey Montessori Children's House and Elementary School

Board of Trustees – 24/25 Annual Meeting

September 17, 2024 5:30 PM

PMCH Elementary Classroom

MINUTES

Attendance: Nicky Byron, Natalie Walts, Anna Collins, Jessi Kuhlman, Angie Moulton, Chelsea Benson, Miranda Fisher

1. Call Meeting to Order 5:33 pm
2. Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes: Walts, second by Collins, unanimously carried
3. Seat New Board Members
 - Benson, Fisher & Moulton newly elected. Kuhlman re-elected.
 - Benson graciously accepts position as Secretary. Motion to approve, Byron, Second, Collins, unanimously carried.
 - Russell Carpenter expressed interest in the final board seat to assist with pedagogy at PMCH. He will provide a candidate statement for belated voting by 9/23.
4. New Business
 - New Administrator Search – have had a number of qualified candidates. 2nd round interviews begin next week along with a new candidate first round interview. Collins, Walts & Kuhlman to conduct second round interviews.
5. Forecast/Goal Setting
 - School Sustainability Plan
 - i. Exploring becoming a GSRP program for 4s. Implications include: free tuition for families (paid for by state at higher rate than current tuition); cap of 20 students; students from GSRP waitlist fill our spots; cannot charge GSRP families for anything; must provide meals for students – Byron exploring options for meal providers
 - ii. Plans to open an “older toddler” room with a 1:8 ratio to help financial sustainability & meet need for childcare in the area. Need assessments done by MiLeap (formerly LARA) & health department
 - Community Outreach Committee Chair – Fisher
 - Maintenance Committee Chair – Moulton
6. Upcoming Events
 - Social Committee – Planning a fall parents’ night out
 - Fall Clean Up – Plan for 10/13 10-1

- Annual Fundraiser – TBD In March
7. Public Comment – NA
 8. Adjourn 6:10