

APPROVED
WALDEN GREEN MONTESSORI
17339 Roosevelt Road
Spring Lake, MI 49456

BOARD MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 3, 2018 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Board Members Present: Rebecca Andree, Brooke Kazma, Tom Paniucki and Pamela Parriott

Board Members Absent: None

Non-Board Members Attending: Mark Neidlinger & Vickie Buckner

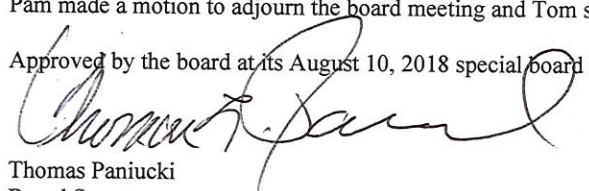
The meeting was called to order at 12:04 P.M.

1. **Agenda.** Brooke made a motion to approve the agenda and Pam seconded the motion. 4 Ayes and 0 Nays – **CARRIED.**
2. **Board Minutes.** Brooke made a motion to approve the July 16, 2018 regular meeting minutes with corrections and Tom seconded the motion. 4 Ayes and 0 Nays – **CARRIED.**
3. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
4. **Board Action Items.**
 - A. Discuss Interim Director Plan. Becky thanked the interview committee. Becky discussed the key factors they should be looking for: Montessori Expertise, Leadership and Relational. One candidate stood out, Amy Croel-Perrien. The three top candidates were discussed: Amy Croel-Perrien, Candis Oligive and Kim Bremer.
 - B. Discuss Director Search Process. The board decided to hold a Town Hall Meeting with parents, staff and Walden Green community to meet Amy as a potential director. Tom and Becky will negotiate with the Director.
 - C. Assistant Director. Pam suggested that the Director interview candidates and select the Assistant Director. The board indicated management of employees should be transferred to Assistant Director once that person has been hired.
 - D. Discuss Board Presence and Communication Strategy. Becky will communicate to parents, staff and the Walden Green community and invite them to a Town Hall Meeting.
 - E. Walden Green Strategic Plan/Review of Quarter 1 Priorities. Physical Space: the board will search for a consultant. Vickie will reach out to Mitri, MAPSA and Jack.

Mark provided status updates. PTO/Family Foundation information: Julie Marozsan is the new PTO president. PTO allocated funds as follows: \$200 to teachers for supplies, \$6,000 for field trips, \$4,000 for afterschool programming and stipends, \$4,000 for technology, \$5,000 for playground, \$767 for t-shirts, WG swag will be purchased and auction money will go toward art, music and specials. Playground: Meadow Project is completed, the base is grass, Michigan native plants were planted and hammocks will be put up. Staffing: Stefi has resigned and will be teaching at the Zoo School. Joy Jovanovic will be the new teacher in the 2nd/3rd grade classroom. Charles Freeman will be in the 7th/8th grade classroom and use one side of the modular. Tanya will teach 7th/8th grade math, do 31a intervention part time for 4th-8th grades and use the other side of the modular. Title 1 services will be moved to the quiet room between Jessica and Junie. Sarah B. will be working on science curriculum with Jen & Christina. Professional Development – August 22 & 23 and the school calendar includes professional development times on the first Fridays. August 23 is the Welcome Back to School Picnic at Coast Guard Park. August 27 is the first day of school and Mark asked if board members would help with Drop Off. Academic Committee - Tom stated it is on hold until the director position is filled. Finance Committee - Pam is working on it.
5. **Public Comment.** There was public comment.
6. The next regular meeting is September 17, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

Pam made a motion to adjourn the board meeting and Tom seconded the motion at 1:32 P.M. 4 Ayes and 0 Nays – **CARRIED.**

Approved by the board at its August 10, 2018 special board meeting.


Thomas Paniucki
Board Secretary