

Laramie Montessori Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
Location: Laramie Montessori Charter School

Zoom: <https://acsd1-org.zoom.us/j/93428794994?pwd=enY0cjE5M3FLaWJDQlJtbHRXdjV0dz09>

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

6:30 PM

I. Opening (6:30)

The Mission of Laramie Montessori School is to support the development of the whole child through

an authentic Montessori environment that honors the child's intrinsic motivation to learn and supports each individual's unique intellectual, physical, social and emotional development.

A. 15 second Montessori Moments –

a. Jeff: received feedback from former parent and student – parent raved about Montessori curriculum and preparation for middle school. The current middle school student misses the Montessori environment and structure. Student doing well in their new environment

b. Norman: PTO event was great! Raised about the same amount as the color run last year

c. Emily: family raiser was so nice to see, meet new folks, and engage about school

B. Roll Call: Amy is missing, and all other members present

C. Approval of Agenda: Amended to remove Section 7, New Items striking for December Meeting

bylaws update. Rich approved, Megan seconded – approved

II. Minutes

A. Approval of October Minutes: amend to spell Megan Hawken's name correctly. Megan Hawken

moved to approve with modification, Rich Miles seconded and passed unanimously.

III. Audience Communication

A. Teacher Representative –

i. Students learned about other cultures – gearing up for the holidays

ii. Gearing up for calendar year – ready to hit the ground running

iii. New ELL teacher started this week and has been interacting with all the kids. Students eagerly welcoming him into school community and like his contribution. Jeff pleased with the hire for the year.

B. PTO Update and Discussion -

i. The Fall Festival was a success and raised almost \$1,700. The community really came through with some great donations, special thank yous to Papa Murphy's, The Range leather shop, and Snowy Range ski area.

ii. We also received a large amount of non-perishable food that will be donated to Laramie Interfaith this week.

iii. Staff holiday appreciation bags will be the next PTO activity. Bags will go to staff the last week of school

iv. PTO will regroup in January and begin working on by-laws and the actual PTO "business" stuff.

C. Open communication

IV. Monthly Financial Report –

A. United Way provided two grants for the preschool, which gives additional flexibility in this line item.

B. As we discussed last month, PD budget is over budget and will be a more focused line item in

the future. Friends of Montessori paid for PD support.

C. Accounting and audit will be more than budgeted because of new firm and QuickBooks updates are more than anticipated.

D. Rich Miles moved to approve October financials, Megan Hawken seconded the motion, which

passed unanimously

V. Reports

A. Director's Report

i. Enrollment down one student –

ii. PTO – fall fest was a great success. Vendors and food trucks were happy to be on campus and

interested in participating with us in the future. Felt like they had meaningful engagement.

Games were great and the goats made everyone happy.

iii. Interested in working with PTO on a school spelling bee for adults as a fundraiser/community builder as an annual event.

iv. School will go to the UW women's basketball game prior to thanksgiving break. Kids will bring

lunch or have food service take care of them. Fun atmosphere for kids to participate and get on campus. Excited to offer this to students!

v. Thanksgiving – Christmas break: several events occurring, Dec 9, students go to UW for Nutcracker, preschool will not travel but watch nutcracker here. Dec 12, staff potluck and party – board invited to participate. Games and fun activities. Dec 13, winter performance for choir. Wednesday Dec 14 Bod Meeting. Will do some progress monitoring prior to the holidays for

reading and math.

B. Committee Reports –

i. Development committee

1. Agreed to become a United Way agency to support preschool activities and events.

Megan will collaborate with Evelyn to sign up and communicate expectations to the group. It might be a great way to leverage additional dollars and support for preschool yard equipment and other bigger needs.

2. Annual request – agreed to craft and send out across the community.

VI. Old Business

- A. Afterschool program development report out –
 - i. Funding from district to write the grant
 - ii. BBBS agreed to co-write and run a program
 - iii. If approved BBBS will open a program here at LMCS
 - iv. Needs to make a working group to get this started, discussions in progress.
 - v. BBBS can run the impact assessment on our behalf.

VII. New Business

A. By-Laws edits, review and approve addition of committee work

VIII. Audience Communication II

VII. Adjourn

Next Meeting 12.14.22