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August MSC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Zoom Link:

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Meeting ID: 848 7751 9412

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| 1. Call to Order/Mission Statement | Dr. Deanna Taylor, President |
| 2. Public Forum/Comment | Dr. Deanna Taylor, President |
| 3. MSC Special Presentation | Dr. Moncure/Classroom Director |
| 4. Approval of 7/16 Minutes | Dr. Kimberly Green, Secretary |
| 5. Treasurer's Report | Tyler Feldt, Treasurer |
| a. Finance Report | |
| b. Account Designation Resolution | |
| 6. Head of School Report | Dr. John Moncure, Interim HOS |
| 7. Committee Reports | |
| a. Nominating | Crystal Mallner, Vice President |
| - HOS Search Update & Discussion | |
| b. Fund Development | Ariel Humphries, Chair |
| c. PAC President Report | Danielle Lamar, PAC President |
| d. Strategic Planning | Jennifer Thomas, Chair |
| 8. Old Business | Dr. Deanna Taylor, President |
| 9. New Business | Dr. Deanna Taylor, President |
| a. Policy Requiring Livestreaming of School Board Meetings | |
| 10. Adjournment | |

Meeting start time 6:02 pm, Meeting Adjourned at 7:32 pm

Opening of the August MSC Board of Directors meeting

Reading of the mission statement (read by Jose Garcia)

Confirmation that there were no public comments or forum

Introduction of a new agenda item: teacher/director presentations

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Presentation by Christen Pierre about the infant classroom program, including:

Her background and experience

The physical setup of the infant classroom

The Montessori approach to infant care

Communication methods used with infants

The board approved the July 16th meeting minutes given by Kimberly Green

Tyler Feldt gave the treasurer's report, mentioning:

Working with Dr. Moncure on the budget

Discussing potential head of school hire impact

July financials are delayed due to fiscal year-end audit

Working on tuition review process

Presented a document requiring board approval for account designation required by Charter Institute at Erskine

Dr. Moncure presented the Head of School report, highlighting:

Staffing challenges and ongoing recruitment

Current enrollment of 138 students

Policy manual updates

A proposal to decline having a police officer stationed at the school

A calendar change needed due to the MEPI Conference date change

The Head of School Search Committee reported they've narrowed down to one candidate from North Carolina who has public school and charter experience but lacks Montessori experience.

Simon Booth reported on the head of school search, noting they've narrowed down to one candidate who has charter and public school experience but lacks Montessori experience.

Ariael Humphries discussed fundraising initiatives including merchandise sales, a potential gala event, a pumpkin patch activity, and a Christmas gift-wrapping service.

Danielle Lamar shared PAC updates, including the rescheduled Maria Montessori Day (now September 2nd), a butterbraid fundraiser starting Monday, and picture days in October.

Jennifer Thomas discussed strategic planning needs, particularly updating the mission statement with Erskine.

For new business, the Board approved a calendar revision moving professional development days from February 26-27 to March 12-13 for the MEPI conference. They also discussed an upcoming requirement to livestream Board meetings by November 5th, with Katriel Rea from the Charter Institute noting they'll provide guidance on implementing this requirement.

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ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Deanna Taylor

Dr. Moncure

Mr. Tyler Feldt

Mr. Simon Booth

Mr. Jose Garcia

Mrs. Danielle Lamar

Mrs. Jennifer Booth

Mrs. Arieal Humphries

Mrs. Shennaya Pons

Dr. Kimberly Green

Mrs. Brenda Coleman

Mrs. Meredith Hines

Mrs. Christan Pierre

Mrs. Carrie. M

Mrs. Catriel Rae

Mrs. Tanya Graham