

Garden Montessori Charter School of Pasco County
Board Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2015 6:30 p.m.
Garden Montessori School
6845 N. Boyette Road
Wesley Chapel, FL 33545

Board Members:

Present: Richard Tschantz, Kimberly Preston, and Cristina E. Perez

Absent: Beth Sumner-Finlay and Pat Mulieri

Quorum Present? Yes

Others Present: John Selover, Patricia Gutierrez, Darlene Pla-Tschantz, Stephanie , and prospective parents

Proceedings: Meeting called to order by Board Member Richard Tschantz.

Consultant's Report: John Selover. Introductions of board members and guests.

Approval of Minutes: The March 5, 2015 minutes were reviewed and upon proper motion and second, **Approved**.

Board Member Training Update: 4 hours of online training for all board members needs to be completed by the end of next week.

Policy: John Selover presented information on The General Education Provisions Act and Plan (GEPA) (Public Law 103-382) , which requires GMCS to be an equal access school. Enrollment/admissions policies and specific lottery rules were also discussed and are detailed in the board policy handbook.

Motion: To approve enrollment/admissions policy in compliance with the General Education Provisions Act and Plan. After proper motion and second, **Approved**.

Facility Lease: Negotiations are ongoing.

Faculty Recruitment Update: Faculty recruitment is going well with 15-20 interviews scheduled for this upcoming week. Looking for 19 staff members, 4 –Kdg, 5 lead 1-2, 5 associate teachers, and ESE, part-time art/music, and part-time PE.

Enrollment Update: Kindergarten is full. Article and follow-up story in the Laker , continued advertisement on Facebook, ad in flyer next week, and direct mail postcard will be sent out.

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Employment Mechanics Update: Patricia discussed benefits such as retirement plans, life insurance, and health insurance to be offered to staff. Amounts to be determined.

Membership in Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools: This is a political group and co-op of charter schools. They provide professional development and offer evaluation models for teachers and principals in compliance with state standards.

Motion: To obtain membership in the Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools. After proper motion and second, **Approved.**

Board calendar: The next board meeting will be held June 4, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 4, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned by Board Member Rick Tschantz at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By: Kimberly Preston