

Garden Montessori Charter School of Pasco County  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 4, 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, Darlene Pla-Tschantz, Stefani Ruskin

**Proceedings:** Meeting called to order by Board Member Richard Tschantz.  
Introductions of board members and guests.

**Public Comment:** No questions or comments at this time.

**Approval of Minutes:** The April 30, 2015 minutes were reviewed and upon proper motion and second, **Approved.**

**Recommendation for Health Insurance Provider:** Information presented by Stefani Ruskin. Humana offers the best rates at this time and provides five different coverage options. AFLAC will also be offered to employees as an option but not included in benefits provided by GMCS.

**Motion:** To approve Humana as the prime insurance provider for GMCS. After proper motion and second, **Approved.**

**Facility:** Negotiations are ongoing with the Sports & Field Athletic Center located at 2029 Arrowgrass Drive Wesley Chapel, FL 33545. GMCS would like to be in the facility by July 1, 2015. The board is looking at a five-year lease.

**Motion:** To authorize Rick Tschantz to negotiate and sign a lease with the Sports & Field Athletic Center. This also terminates the previous Creekside facility negotiations. After proper motion and second, **Approved.**

**Faculty Hiring Process:** The board will be involved as far as reviewing recommendations and voting on prospective employees at the board meetings. The board will not be involved in the interview process.

**Motion:** To approve that at this time offer letters contingent on board approval can go out so as not to lose prospective hires. Applications will be sent to the board after offer letter is sent. After proper motion and second, **Approved.**

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**Appointment of Principal:** John Selover as principal of GMCS. Effective July 1, 2015.

**Motion:** Allow Rick Tschantz to negotiate and sign a one-year contract with John Selover to begin as GMCS principal July 1, 2015. After proper motion and second, **Approved.**

**Appointment of Board/Parent Liaison:** The parent handbook will include dispute information and responsibilities of board/parent liaison. For the first year the liaison will gather data and determine a baseline for what this job will involve for future needs. The Liaison will also be required to attend board meetings.

**Motion:** To approve Peachie Thompson as board/parent liaison for GMCS. After proper motion and second, **Approved.**

**Approval of Implementation Grant Purchase:** Large purchases will go before the board for approval. The grant total will be disbursed over three years.

**Motion:** To approve implementation of grant purchase, large purchases will go before the board for approval. After proper motion and second, **Approved.**

**Approval of Reading Curriculum Purchase:** A five-year subscription with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, which includes workbooks, consumables, and website. Funds for this curriculum will come out of the regular school budget.

**Motion:** To approve the purchase of a five-year subscription to the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt reading curriculum. After proper motion and second, **Approved.**

**Charter School Implementation Grant Update:** John Selover provided information on the progress of the grant. At this time it looks very promising although we have not yet received official approval.

**Enrollment and Marketing Update:** As of now we have roughly 60 seats left with 74 kdg, 43 first and 28 second. Postcards were sent out. Ads on Facebook and in the neighborhood news continue. The possibility of placing a sign in front of the facility was discussed as were plans for a parent orientation as early as July 1, hopefully at the new facility.

**Board calendar:** The next board meeting will be held July 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Board member Pat Mulieri has unfortunately resigned. At our next meeting we will discuss finding a suitable board member replacement. We thank Pat for her service and wish her well.

**Next Meeting:** July 9, 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