

Garden Montessori Charter School of Pasco County
Board Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2014 7:00 p.m.
Garden Montessori School
6845 N. Boyette Road
Wesley Chapel, FL 33545

Board Members:

Present: Cristina E. Perez, Richard Tschantz, Beth Sumner-Finlay, and Kimberly Preston,

Absent: Pat Mulieri

Quorum Present? Yes

Others Present: John Selover, Bill Voeller, and Carl Wright.

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

Consultant's Report: John Selover

Introduction of Bill Voeller from Voeller construction and Carl Wright from The Wright Group. Introductions of board members and guests. This is the first meeting since approval of the charter.

Timeline: There will be a plan in place for the facility by January. We will work with the district on charter goals and obligations, followed by an agreement approved by the board and the school board. From a personnel perspective, teachers are still being sought. Items will be ordered for ideal classrooms. The website and Facebook account will be set up in January and will be utilized for pre-enrollment. There will be four or five different dates for presentation. A wait list will be in place by February with a lottery.

Voeller Construction: Discussion of location. Size could be 32,000 square feet. May build 2/3 now and 1/3 later. The financial structure would be built to suit, leaseback. 15% of state revenue would be used ideally for the lease.

Development: Possibility of purchase at a later date. It would be a metal structure and each classroom would have an outdoor component (garden, etc.). Site selection for properties is the biggest key that will drive everything. Outside locations, such as a barn were discussed. This would require a minimum of 10 acres. A site would require contract exclusivity. The building delivery date is very important. "Plan B" for location could be Cypress Creek as a leased building. It has good space and good parking, but the outdoor space is not as good.

Board insurance: No new information available yet. Premium quotes have been too high. Errors and omissions of board liability insurance. There will be votes by email as new quotes come in.

Website: Utilize SharpSchool website design. Stephanie will work on the Facebook page and a banner for the school announcing the charter.

Fundraising: A per child obligation will be required. Will that be in place? Business support will be needed. What are we fundraising for?

Board training: Will be done at own pace and time with printed certificates. There is an upcoming Florida charter school conference in Orlando. Possibly next year members from the board will be able to attend. If approved for the grant it will be required and it will help offset personal cost of attendance.

Board calendar: Changing meeting times to 6:30. Next meeting will be 12/11. Minutes for September and November will be approved in December. Meetings will be the 2nd Thursday of every month (1/8, 2/12, 3/12).

Next Meeting: December 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By: Kimberly Preston

Garden Montessori Charter School of Pasco County
Board Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2014 7:00 p.m.
Garden Montessori School
6845 N. Boyette Road
Wesley Chapel, FL 33545

Board Members:

Present: Richard Tschantz, Kimberly Preston,
Absent: Pat Mulieri, Cristina Perez, Beth Sumner-Finlay
Quorum Present? No

Others Present: John Selover .

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

Consultant's Report: John Selover

Introduction of board members present. General overview of charter progress and board responsibilities.

Charter Application Update:

Pasco interview discussed. Hillsborough interview discussed. If the charter is approved for Hillsborough county a 5th board member would be needed.

Site Update:

Looking for properties to possibly rent. 1450-1500 sq ft. Lease back would be a good option. Looking at Pasco and Hillsborough locations.

Financing:

Charter school capital is likely too expensive, it would be better to work with a local bank or private investor. Loan ideally should be 1/3 total revenue.

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