

**Garden Montessori Charter School  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 5th  
6:30pm  
Garden Montessori School  
6845 N. Boyette Road, Wesley Chapel, FL**

**Board Members Present:** Cristina E. Perez, Richard Tschantz, Beth Sumner-Finlay

**Absent:** Pat Mulieri and Kimberly Preston

**Quorum Present?** Yes

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

**Proceedings-** Meeting called to order by Board President, Richard Tschantz at 6:34pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** The January 8, 2015 minutes were reviewed and approved upon proper motion and second. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Enrollment update:** The board discussed present enrollment and communication with prospective families.

**Marketing update:** The board was presented with an update on present and future marketing activities.

**Facilities update-**

**Short term lease facility:** Proposed site is located 1 mile east of Wesley Chapel at 35352 State Road 54, Zephyrhills FL 33541. The facility will offer an excess of 12,000 square feet for classroom and administrative space. School district has approved the location the leasing documents are being reviewed by the Attorney just waiting a response.

**Long term building plans:** Currently focusing on opening at the temporary location and will then start the planning phase for permanent facility.

**Not-for-profit (501 c (3) filing update (action item):** Richard Tschantz mentioned that this has not been granted. Richard Tschantz and Patricia Gutierrez are working with Arnold the group charter attorney to file the application.

**Motions:** To grant board member Richard Tschantz authority to review, sign and file 501 c (3) application. After proper motion and second, **Approved.**

**Faculty Recruitment:** John Selover gave an update on recruitment of teachers, with a total of 9 teacher positions to fill. Patricia Gutierrez is researching benefit packages to ensure an attractive package can be offered to teachers. GMCS is presently running ad's in a wide variety of locations.

**Payroll-** Patricia Gutierrez discussed with the board options she is researching regarding payroll. She is seeking the best choice that will provide high quality service at a reasonable cost to the school.

**2015-2016 School Calendars (action item):** John Selover reviewed the proposed 2015-2016 calendar with the board the only difference to the Pasco County school calendar are the teacher planning days of 08/10-08/21/2015.

**Motions:** The board to approve the 2015-2016 school calendar. After proper motion and second, **Approved.**

**Board training update:** Richard Tschantz to email the board the reminder for the 4 hour mandatory training class with the deadline to complete it before April 9, 2015. The board was reminded that with the signing of the county agreement on 02/18/15 all emails are public record.

**Notice of Meetings-** Richard Tschantz mentioned the public posting of the meetings to be posted on the website and at the facility 7 days prior with the date, time, place, and agenda listed.

**Next meeting:** April 9, 2015 at 6:30pm

**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned by Board Member, Rick Tschantz, at 8:00pm

**Minutes Prepared by:** Cristina Perez