

Legacy of Dr. Josie R. Johnson Montessori

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: Tuesday, October 19th, 2021, 6-8:00 pm

Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/7678905240>

Board Members Present: Jacqueline Williams, Edwinna M. Johnson, Emily Leutgeb, Crown Shepherd, Lindsey Berwald, and Tonicia Abdur Salaam,

Guest: Shawna Maryanovich

1. Open - Read Mission & Vision:

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm with a motion to open the meeting by Lindsey Berwald, (seconded by Jackie Williams). Vote/motion passes unanimously by roll call.

Mission: JJ Legacy School provides an excellent and equitable Montessori education in North Minneapolis to an intentionally diverse community of students

Vision: Our students will develop the character strengths, social and emotional skills, creativity, passion for learning and college-preparatory academic capabilities that will enable them to lead lives of joy and purpose.

Mission and Vision read by Jackie Williams

2. Calls for conflict of interest:

- N/A

3. Consent Approval

- Will table the 9/23 Board Operation Committee meeting minutes. Motion made by Crown Shepherd to table the approval for minutes until the next board meeting. Second by Lindsey Berwald. No discussion. Vote/motion passes unanimously by roll call.

4. Finance

- Yielded the floor to Jackie Williams and Ms. T., Dawn is out of town. Jackie shared Dawns report. Refer to minutes for financial report.
- Ms. Tonicia Abdur Salaam: Summer program funding 20% used for funds for learning lost. Move financial presentation to November Board meeting. ADM down. Enrollment is a challenge all over (Twin Cities). Had a layoff of an Administrator. Emily Leutgeb the budget looks good.
- Motion made by Emily Leutgeb to approve the finance presentation. Second by Crown Shepherd. No discussion. Vote/motion passes unanimously by roll call.

5. School Leader Report:

- Ms. Tonicia Abdur Salaam Head of School reports... alot of amazing things are happening. Free food to families. 405 books donated to the school. Timberwolves partnership. Students are learning Coding. Two volunteer tutors twice a week for students. OG training. 15th of October was picture day. The pictures were free. Pictures will be sent to the families digitally. Make up day for pictures TBD. Will let the board know (if we would like to take photos). Has started MAP testing. 95% done with our testing. Mr. J. came to help set up for the testing. Transition back in for students, presents as a challenge for some of the students due to the pandemic.
COVID: No cases at the school. COVID testing Tuesday's and Thursday's for staff. Still cleaning the space for COVID safety. Chanel 5 re: The violence in the neighborhood. Parking lot (school playground) was not accessible due to police needing to use the parking lot.
Freedom fighters: Mr. J., leads this organization. Noon-2 p.m., play football with the children and do security. Question from Ms. Lindsey: is there an opportunity for them to come? (Freedom fighters). It cost for the Freedom fighters to come as per Ms. T.
Looking into grants. Children defense fund 99% sure we got it. Freedom school training on Alex Haley farm in Tennessee. \$62,000.00 thousand dollar grant for chrome books. Will send us the pictures of the students. Will we review the results from the testing? Lindsey's question? Ms. T's, response: Will share the data in November or December.
- EDIAM for 20/21: Emily Leutgeb, motioned for Ms. T., to be the IOwA. Jackie Williams Second. Discussion: Ms. T. example what EDIAM. Vote/motion passes unanimously by roll call.

6. Board Governance

- Jackie Williams participated in the Board Governance course 100. Board is supposed to meet in person. However, Ms. T., sent a clause so that the Board can continue meeting virtually.
- Board members connect with Jackie regarding additional board training.

7. Committee Updates

- **Executive Committee update:**
 - Sign and Return Board Member Agreement: Jackie still needs. Jackie will send it again to everyone as a reminder.
- **Invitation to New Board members:**
 - Operations Committee will meet this week.

Shawna's update: Fill out the interest form for elections. On the website. If you are eligible then you will receive an interest form. Bio and photo submit. Edwinna M. Johnson, Crown Shepard, Jackie Williams, and Lindsay Berwald said

that they would like to continue for 1 year. Emily's seat is not up for election. A parent possible interested. Julie has not sent an interest form. The ballot window closes tomorrow evening at 11:59 p.m. Board Operation meeting Thursday morning to upload information for the ballots. Question: Emily Leutgeb: What are required number of board members? 5 as per by-laws as reported by Shawna. Lindsay Berwald: What happens if we are not in complicates with a licensed teacher? Shawna's response: The board will have to acknowledge and make an amendment. This board meeting minutes reflect that in this meeting (Board Meeting), the Board Operations Committee minutes to reflect the extend timeline for people to apply and deterred when the voting would start to recruit other board members (we delayed it one week).

8. Grievance Management Committee: Jackie Williams shared that the Grievance Management Committee has fulfilled its Charter and is no longer needed.

9. Adjourn:

- Motion made by Crown Shepard to adjourn the meeting. Second by Jackie Williams. No discussion. Vote/motion passes unanimously by roll call. Adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by : 
Jacqueline Williams

Date Approved: JAN 18, 2022