



**GEIST MONTESSORI ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
STANDING BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Meeting Location

6058 W. 900 N.

McCordsville, IN 46055

November 17, 2021

5:30 pm

Or via Zoom Link: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lacey Willard – President | Uriah Ellis – Treasurer | Debi Dobbins – Secretary
Melanie Linder – At Large | Erika Radford – At Large

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome and Introductions – 6:00pm
 - Roll Call
 - General Announcements
3. Consent Agenda
 - Approval of outstanding minutes for September, October and November will be held at the December meeting
4. Reports
 - Student Representatives
 - Miss Lori's Kindergarten Class
 1. Brayden & Lanney
 - a. What are they learning in math?
 - i. Bead bars
 - ii. Making numbers 1 thru 10
 - Executive Director
 - Enrollment:
 1. Pre-K: 21
 2. Kindergarten: 47
 3. Lower Elementary: 55
 4. Middle Elementary: 54
 5. Upper Elementary: 32
 6. Middle School: 35

- Virtual Program. We have 8 students with 6 of the 9 lead teachers trying to make a virtual program work. Not enough resources to continue the virtual program. RECOMMENDATION: Discontinue virtual program after the first semester. *Being moved to the Operations Committee*
- RECOMMENDATION: Approve a waitlist policy that enrollment is on a “space available” basis at any given grade level. This would be a change from a total enrollment cap to a cap based on class sizes, staffing and space available. *Being moved to the Operations Committee*
- RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a clearly defined policy regarding a medical accommodation for face masks in times of high community spread of communicable diseases such as COVID-19. Such policy should:
 1. be signed by a licensed medical provider with prescriptive authority who has seen the patient in the last six (6) months, and
 2. describe a specific medical diagnosis that indicates a medical need for a face mask exemption. The medical accommodation will be to wear a face shield.
 3. **MOTION TO APPROVE THE FACE MASK/FACE SHIELD POLICY WITH A MEDICAL ACCOMMODATION – Uriah motioned / Melanie Seconded. Unanimous vote to approve motion.**
- Treasurer
 - Finance Committee met 11/16/2021 with Bookkeeping Plus. Tina Spencer reports:
 1. October increase in cash.
 2. Received funds for insurance claims for the building
 3. 57 days cash-on-hand
 4. No unusual purchases or deposits for the month of October
 5. There will be a true-up in November and December for the ADM count for the tuition support
 6. YTD: income positive amount
 7. Charter Innovation Grant: some school have received half payment in September, but GMA did not. Jamie has reached out to DOE and is waiting to hear back from DOE.
 8. Budget Revision sent to Finance Committee.
 - a. **MOTION to accept the Finance Committee’s Cash Flow Budget and then revise the forecast when we get the updated headcount in February – Lacey motioned / Debi seconded. Unanimous vote to approve motion.**
- PTO: They will be meeting live after the Board meeting tonight.
- Committees: The Operations Committee will be addressing the request to terminate the virtual program after the end of the first semester and the headcount policy.
- Charter Sponsor
 - 2022 – Continuing Education for Board and Meeting Stakeholders
 1. Open Door Policy
 2. Montessori Ways
 3. Social media and how to engage

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business: None

7. Public Comment

- Patrick Love: Where are we at on the plumbing issues?
 - Mitigation is done
 - Determining the source of the problem – what caused the water damage?
 - Once we know the source, we can do the re-build.
- Laurie Wilkerson. Praising Jen and Jamie that they give of their own time and support teachers and what's best for kids.

8. Adjournment: **Motion to adjourn at 06:07pm: Erika motioned / Uriah seconded. Unanimous vote to approve motion.**