

World Learner School



World Learner School Board Meeting Minutes February 24, 2020

** Student Presentation – Given by 4 students in upper elementary – talked about the book *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*. They showed us the model of a concentration camp they made and discussed what they learned. The board would like to express their appreciation for the students' presentation. Thanks to the parents for bringing their students.

1. Eva called the meeting to Order at 6:10 pm
2. Mission Statement was read.
The World Learner School's mission is to create a school that supports an experiential collaborative Montessori learning program that empowers children to unfold their full potential as whole and unique persons in classroom, local and world communities.
3. Roll Call/Quorum Confirmed Present- Melissa, Eva, Emily, Tina, Nathaniel, Joel, Amy, Lynn
 Absent-Michelle
 Non-Members Present-Deana Siekmann
(Lynn did reach out to Michelle by phone and email if she wanted to continue on the board with no response.)
4. Community Forum (Procedures are contained on Community Forum Participation Cards, available at the meeting)- None
5. Approval of Agenda and Declaration of Conflicts of Interest- Nathaniel motioned to approve, Melissa seconded. No discussion, motion passed 8-0
6. Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion to approve by Melissa, seconded by Joel. Note minutes of 2-18 misspelling of Nathaniel's name. No other discussion. Motion passed 8-0
Consent agenda items are considered routine in nature and will be voted upon with a single motion; however, by request from an individual school board member, individual items on the Consent Agenda may be removed from it for independent consideration.
 - A. Minutes of 1.27.20, 2.18.20
 - B. Fundraising and Donation Records -
 - C. Fundraising Permissions & Grants - MS Parents Night Out
7. Information/Discussion
 - A. ACNW Authorizing Activities- no change in status.
 - B. Annual Meeting Planning- Melissa sent out 24 letters of inquiry to potential board members. So far no response. Discussed need for board members, a community member and suggestions of how to notify people who may be interested. Amy will attempt to reach out to people from her training class. Melissa will send an extra email with the notification of need board members. Currently have 31 RSVP's for the annual meeting. Additional reminders will be sent out.
 - C. MN Dept of Education MNCIMP Findings- WLS got a letter from the MN Department of Education. A Notification of No Findings for our Special Education Team. It is an **exemplary** outcome and the board would like to acknowledge the Special Education Team's excellence and quality work they are doing for the students of the school.
A motion was made by Joel to add this accomplishment to the Annual Meeting Agenda. Nathaniel seconded. Motion passed 8-0
 - D. Board Training
 - a. Ecological Literacy - Fragments of Strategy 2.24.20 – this was tabled for the March 30th meeting.

8. Reports

A. Director's Report – noted a couple of students have left due to moving. This should not affect the budget significantly. Shindig activity is in full swing. Help is needed for the small group of dedicated parents who are running the PTO. Mice are still a problem, pest control will be needed as well as changes in how potential food is stored at school. Roof issues are being researched with an architect.

B. Committee Reports

i. Finance Committee

- a. Finance Report Jan 2020 –reviewed at the work meeting 2-18-20.
- b. FY20 BudgetUpdate – reviewed at work meeting 2-18-20
- c. FY21 BudgetUpdate- will have staff priorities at the meeting in March so numbers can be worked.

9. Action Items

- A. Financial Report for Jan 2020 –Motion to approve Lynn, seconded by Nathaniel, discussed 2-18-20- no additional discussion. Motion passed 8-0
- B. Personnel Employment Agreements - Carol Davitt (substitute teacher), Motion to approve by Amy, seconded by Emily, no discussion, Motion passed 8-0
- C. Policies: First Reading -none
- D. Policies: Second Reading -none

10. WLS and WLS BC IRS 990 - Motion to approve by Lynn, seconded by Tina. Lynn noted that on page 29 of the WLS Building Company paperwork it still listed Jonathan Montessori House of Children as members of the board. Deana will have the paperwork corrected. Motion passed with the correction 8-0

11. Scheduling

- A. WLS Board Annual Meeting March 17, 2020 at 7 pm
- B. WLS Board Meeting March 30, 2020 at 6 p m

12. Call to Adjourn – 6:46 motion to adjourn by Amy seconded by Eva.

Board Terms

(T) Melissa Bullerman: July 2018 - June 2020
(T) Chair Eva Maher: July 2018 - June 2020
(T) Emily Strafelda: July 2019 - June 2021
(T) Tina Lyder: July 2019 - June 2021
(T) Nathaniel Nordberg: July 2019 - June 2021
(P) Michelle Strain: July 2018- June 2020
(P) Treasurer Joel Suiter: July 2019 - June 2021
(P) Secretary Lynn Zorn: July 2019 - June 2021
(CM) Amy Mittlestadt: July 2018 - June 2020

Notes submitted by Lynn Zorn