

**Laramie Montessori Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 30, 2021**  
**6:30 PM**

I. Opening (6:30)

The Mission of Laramie Montessori School is to support the development of the whole child through an authentic Montessori environment that honors the child's intrinsic motivation to learn and supports each individual's unique intellectual, physical, social and emotional development.

A. 15 second Montessori Moments

There is a zipline out back that some of the kids can't reach. Some of the kids put a rope on the zipline to be able to reach. It was great to see them being helpful and using their problem solving skills.

A student was having trouble and the staff didn't know. Another student let the adults know that there was a student who was having trouble.

B. Roll Call - Jana is not present

C. Approval of Agenda

- add new business item to approve budget

Megan moved to approve the amended agenda, Tiffany seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion passed.

II. Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes, Board Meeting, August 26, 2021

B. Approval of Minutes, Special Board Meeting, July 27, 2021- Change date to July 27 on Special meeting

Tiffany moved to approve, Megan seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.

M moved A seconded with changes

III. Audience Communication

A. Teacher Representative- Heidi- Some students who were leaving brought in teddy bears with voice recordings thanking everyone. We are fortunate to work at a place where we can have such connections with parents and students.

B. Open communication

IV. Reports

A. Director's Report

LMCS has had no in-building transmission; there have been students and a staff member who have tested positive from outside sources.

Parent Teacher conferences are October 20-21. - There are in person with masks and Zoom options.

The Fundraising committee is planning on doing a Halloween carnival tentatively on Friday October 29th PTO, staff, and parents will help with the carnival. An email will be sent out.

We got chips for the playground to comply with the playground standards for our preschool students.

B. Ad hoc Preschool Transition Committee Report

Preschool is going well. We got the addendum added to the charter and approved by the ACSD #1 School Board.

We can now combine preschool and kindergarten students.

We are looking into opening an after school program for lower elementary students and have been in contact with BBBS (Big Brothers Big Sisters) to see about an after school program here. It's free so many students could participate. BBBS grants run Oct-Oct so this time next year they could help.

C. Ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee - Board Action to approve committee charter  
Update: Tiffany would like to hold off and further discuss when Jana Returns.

D. Committee Reports  
-Finance Committee (Overview of LMCS Finances, budgets)

PTO- JV to touch base with Shawn Bunning

Accountability- (TC)- need to recruit

Nominating- n/a

Policy and Planning (Amy)- n/a

Facilities (Ashlee) - Norman is willing to be on the committee.

Resource Development (Emily) - 1 volunteer parent & 1 Board volunteer, & Norman

V. New Business

A. Approve 2021-22 budget

There is less Title I money than last year, as families do not have to qualify for free and reduced due to everyone receiving free lunch, which decreases the Title monies that come in. Preschool brought in revenue this year. There are some increases and decreases but the budget is looking good overall.

T moved M seconded

VI. Old Business

- a. Board Action to approve Charter Renewal Contract Addendum  
M moved to approve T seconded motion

VI. Audience Communication II

X. Adjourn

A moved to adjourn M seconded