

## **SAPMS Board Meeting**

April 20, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm via Google Meet.

### **MISSION**

*The Mission of St. Augustine Public Montessori School is to provide students with a learning culture grounded in Montessori philosophy and practice that inspires a love of learning and respect for self, others and the environment.*

### **AGENDA**

#### 1) Roll call

##### Board Members:

Jason Ferrante, President  
Bryant Wilson, Vice President  
Burt Froehlich, Treasurer  
Tristan Alfant, Trustee

##### Others Present:

Diane Dodds, Rebekah Andreu, Billy Knight, Beate Schroder, Janet Meyer, Angela Lindstorm, Andrea Chimienti, Hanna and Keith Rosen, Hillary Piniaz, Cora Good, Ericka Forrest-Martin, Faith Corley

#### 2) Review of Public Notice

Notice was made via email at 8:41 am on April 19, 2023.

#### 3) Public comment on agenda items. - NONE

#### 6) Director's report.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Dodds provided calendar updates reflected in emails from the school and PTO, and indicated that the FAST testing was finishing up for the students. Enrollment is at 150 students with 178 accepted for next year's roster. A wait list of 69 students currently exists. The District has checked off on our finances for the Mar/Apr period and the balance of our reserve was \$167,330.52 (as of the meeting). Faculty evaluations and interviews were nearing completion and contracts are to be sent out next week. The A/C unit quotes indicated Taylor air to be the best rate (we get a discount per our service agreement as well). WiFi issues on campus are getting worse – two parents (one who works for Cisco as a network engineer) have offered to take a look. Jason indicated that should there be a cost associated with the work/equipment, that a proposal needs to be presented to the Board and any work done would need to be verified by Xfinity.

### **MOTION:**

Made by: Jason Ferrante

Seconded by: Bryant Wilson

Motion: To approve Taylor Air bid for replacement A/C unit in EC classroom (\$7,425)

Vote: All in favor.

Disposition: Approved.

#### 7a) Fundraising Committee

DISCUSSION: Sponsors have been invited to the Asia festival to show them how their donations have benefited the school. The corporate sponsor working group and grant working group have merged and will begin writing together. A new "Initiative" based fundraising mechanism has started where there are monthly initiatives the committee will work on. This month is "Grounds/mulch" and next month is "Music". Reminder that the guest speaker is Sat, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm on campus. Jason says no word yet on the two outstanding grants. There is a video production company who offered to do a free video for the school to use for advertising. Finally, the Oyster Roast event raised \$3500!!

#### 7b) Facilities Committee

Discussion: The mulch company had an accident and was shut down for some time but is just starting back up. We also found a cheaper rate through the District we are following up with. The major news is that enough funds (\$3500) were raised to purchase the amount needed to cover the major areas.

#### 7c) Search Committee

Discussion: Andres is out tonight, but Diane shared that they have been looking at all properties that have been shared. The plan is to put together a plan for an optimal school in order to prepare proposals this summer for major capital.

#### 7d) Communications Committee

Discussion: There is a community survey going out that will be used to improve the program next year. Feedback is requested from all members of the community, including the staff, administration, and board members as well as all the families. A monthly email with events and a quarterly newsletter are being prepared for May.

#### 7e) Finance Committee

Discussion: Our reserves are at a healthy \$167,330.52, although the two most expensive months are about to be upon us (May and June). We had a \$9k deficit last month, but no surprise expenses. This month we have seen an additional \$11k come in from the State.

#### 8) Other

Diane – Maker's Fest planning is underway with a planned date of December 9/10, 2023. Please consider being a part of the planning team. Next meeting is May 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### 9) Public comments: None

Jason Ferrante adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Minutes by: Jason Ferrante

Date approved: May 18, 2023