

SAPMS Board Meeting

July 23, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 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
Burt Froehlich, Treasurer
Andres Kerllenevich, Secretary
Tristan Alfant, Trustee

Others Present:

Diane Dodds
Amanda Shields
Billy Knight

2) Review of Public Notice

Notice was posted on the school calendar, the school website, and via email at 12:43 pm on July 22, 2023.

3) Public comment on Agenda items -- NONE.

4) Officer items

President (Jason)

~ Funding approval to complete the EC bathroom renovation.

DISCUSSION: Jason presented an update: a parent has installed linoleum in EC bathroom to replace peel and stick tile. Diane has asked for funding to install new stall walls (to replace old stall walls) at a cost of \$4,200. The EC bathroom serves three classrooms now (instead of 1) so more children use it. There was talk of adding a toilet but no grants have been approved for it.

Diane presented an update: Diane has received many complaints about the EC bathroom. A grant was applied to renovate it but it was not approved. One vendor was only able to give a vague estimate, not willing to commit to a number. She received an estimate of \$4,200 from another vendor (Floyd – who is currently fixing the deck). Diane said that even if we end up

moving next year, we will have had one full year of use of the new partitions. Burt would like to school to adhere to the requirement to obtain two written quotes for any contracts. Diane said this has come up suddenly as it needs to be completed before the school year starts. Andres asked if the money is in the budget. Diane answered that it could come out of the projected surplus (\$49,000 for the 2023-2024 school year). Burt asked if there are any other potential large repairs coming (similar to the ones the school faced last summer). Diane said she does know of any at this time (after going over the current state of the AC units and the buildings). Burt offered to supply plywood walls and can offer to have the materials cut and ready in time for someone else to install it. Andres voiced being in favor of approving the request, Jason agreed, Tristan agreed. Burt is willing to go along with it as well.

MOTION:

Made by: Andres Kerllenevich
Seconded by: Tristan Alfant
Motion: To approve the \$4,200 contract with Floyd to install new stall doors.
Vote: All in favor.
Disposition: Approved.

President (Jason)
~ Select weekday for monthly meeting.

DISCUSSION: Tristan had requested to change the day of the week for monthly board meetings (due to a conflict on Thursdays). Andres said Tuesday or Wednesday would work fine and is in favor of returning to Wednesday nights for monthly board meetings. All board members could do Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

MOTION:

Made by: Andres Kerllenevich
Seconded by: Burt Froehlich
Motion: To change the monthly board meeting to the third Wednesday of every month except for August which will be scheduled for August 23, 2023.
Vote: All in favor.
Disposition: Approved.

5) Comment on Non-Agenda Items

1. Billy Knight asked if money (and volunteer labor) could be approved to install mulch (since turf installation will be completed on Monday). Diane asked how much money would be required. Billy said out of the \$2,000, \$800 has been raised and an additional \$1,200 needs to be raised.

DISCUSSION: All agreed that the mulch installation is the proper way to terminate the turn insallation project and without it, the turf installation could be jeopardized.

MOTION:

Made by: Andres Kerllenevich

Seconded by: Tristan Alfant

Motion: To approve expenditure of \$1,200 to purchase mulch.

Vote: All in favor.

Disposition: Approved.

6) Adjournment

MOTION:

Made by: Andres Kerllenevich

Seconded by: Tristan Alfant

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All in favor.

Disposition: Approved.

Jason Ferrante adjourned the meeting at 4:54 pm.

Minutes by: Andres Kerllenevich

Date approved: August 23, 2023