

Charlevoix Montessori Academy for the Arts (CMAftA)  
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Charlevoix, MI 49720

DATE: 9-11-19, TIME: 5:30pm

Regular or  Special Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: Seidel called the meeting to order at 5:38pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call:

Joseph Seidel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eryn Willson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
David Kroon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christine Dillon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Judy Sigulinsky ( X )
Gloria (Joni) Olach	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Randall	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Approval of:
  - A. Agenda: Move to accept agenda by Willson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kroon. 4 yes, 0 no, all agreed
  - B. Minutes of 8/14/19 as presented: Seidel moved to accept minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Willson. 4 yes, 0 no, all agreed. Seidel motioned to approve Special Meeting Minutes as presented from 8/27/19, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Willson. 4 yes, 0 no, all agreed.
  - C. Financial Report/Checks Written: Move to approve budget as presented by Seidel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kroon. 4 yes, 0 no, all agreed. Regarding budget: The state has accepted the budget, but the board must approve and then send back to the stat for final approval. In order to right size the budget the following changes have occurred as follows: there is a reduction in CMA staff from the 15 to 10, a limit has been set on the use of the school credit card, a continued effort is in place to increase enrollment including building improvements and advertising. Dawn Gillespie announced that students from CMA can receive a \$6000.00 per year reduction in tuition if they attend SVSU. This information will be utilized in recruitment efforts for CMA. Seidel motioned to approve the deficit reduction plan as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson. 4 yes, 0 no, all agreed.
5. Correspondence:
  - a. It was reported that CMA must adopt a policy banning abortion advice to students by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. This policy must ban all information and or distribution of information, drugs or devices concerning family planning. Failure to have this policy will result in \$100,000.00 fine to the district as well as fines directed at those in direct violation of said policy.
  - b. Letter from Tristan Cole was presented refuting statements made by the Governor concerning the budget. Student aid is projected at \$8,051.00 per student.
  - c. Letter from auditors was presented. School audit began on 9/1/19. The final report will be available on 10/15/19. The board has requested that the audit team attend the next meeting to share results.
  - d. Seidel reported that someone was interested in purchasing the school building and then leasing it back to the school. After discussion the board was not interested in this option at this time.
6. School Leader Report and Approval: A long term sub has been hired for CMA. A floater aid has been hired to move between the upper and lower elementary classes. Power washing of the building is being completed by parent Dan Walter and will begin on Sunday 9/15/19. Painting of the building will begin on 9/17/19 and volunteers are needed to assist Dan Walter.

Mr. Harwood met with students to discuss Robotics team and fund raising opportunities for this school year. Students were excited and enthusiastic and looking forward to fund raising and participating in Robotics this year.

Seidel suggested that students become involved in the parking during festival times as this has been an avenue for CMA to earn money.

SVSU representatives reported that SVSU could help out with travel expenses for teachers and the principal to attend conferences. Seidel reported on the Patriot Day Celebration. Students laid a wreath and then listened to the presentation.

Regarding enrollment: 47 students currently in attendance. Efforts to increase enrollment numbers continue.

High school and Middle school students will be doing a theater production of "Through the Looking Glass."

7. Old Business:

- a. Grant monies from SVSU have arrived and are being utilized for painting the building and advertising.
- b. Enrollment Figures: Staff reported that there are currently 47 children enrolled at CMA for the 2019/2020 school year. Efforts to increase enrollment are continuing.

8. New Business: None.


9. Public Comment: Mr. and Mrs. Tuck requested to begin PTO on an informal basis. They would like to see "Coffee with the principal" meetings continue. Discussed fund raising ideas such as a coin drive, cinema fund raiser, mixed bag fundraiser. The goal of these fundraisers would be to raise money for the arts and potential lunch program for CMA. Dan Walter, CMA student parent and owner of Morning Dew Café in Charlevoix is willing to do the lunch program but needs to have the school pay for the first month fees of \$2500.00. Dan would secure state funding to provide the fees after the first month.

SVSU representatives present Dawn Gillespie and Doug Newcomb discussed opportunities for board members for professional development. Next year board member training will be mandatory for new members. Dough Newcomb has volunteered to come to us to provide training. There would be multiple sessions each lasting 45-60 minutes.

10. Adjournment: Seidel moved to adjourn at 6:36pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Willson. 4 yes, 0 no, all agreed.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

  
10/9/19