

Wausau Area Montessori Charter School Governance Council

Minutes of February 13, 2024 Meeting

Attendees:

Alisia Jones
Bethany Stookey
Casey Jensen
Chris Dietsche

Elizabeth Channel
Kate Schuster
Tiffany Rodriguez Lee
Tyler Berg

Excused

Casandra Feidt
Dana Moore
Julie Schell

1. Call to order & Welcome

- 3:35 called to order

2. Public comments

- No public comment

3. Lottery for SY2024-2025

- Grade 4K 7 enrolled for 18 seats (no need for a lottery)
- Grade K 11 enrolled for 18 seats (no need for a lottery)
- Grade 1 14 enrolled for 18 seats (no need for a lottery)
- Grade 2 14 enrolled for 18 seats (no need for a lottery)
- Grade 3 17 enrolled for 18 seats (no need for a lottery)
- Grade 4 18 current, 1 sibling on the wait list, 2 additional interested (18 seats)
- Grade 5 17 current, 2 additional interested (18 seats)
- Grade 6 7 enrolled for 18 seats (no need for a lottery)
- Grade 7 6 enrolled (no need for a lottery)
- Grade 8 4 enrolled (no need for a lottery)

Lottery was performed to determine waitlist order for students interested in grade 4 and the one open seat for grade 5.

- 141 capacity is based on actual classroom space currently allotted to our school and the number of bodies that can fit in each. Currently at 80% of capacity for 2024-25 (Goal is reach and maintain 90% capacity).
- Hoping to have 2 sections of CH (adding 1), 2 sections of E1 (existing), 2 sections of E2 (adding 1 section), and 1 section of AD for the 2024-25 school year.
- Elizabeth will continue to update us on enrollment throughout the Spring and Summer.
- DPI Grant requires us to grow by 20 students in the first year. To achieve that, we need 118 students on the second-Friday of January count (note: count is based on attendance that day, not enrollment)

4. Montessori Renovation Update

- Nexus has determined the cost of moving the CARE program to the lower IMC to be extremely expensive. CARE staff has also expressed concerns with that location.
- Elizabeth shared an exploration that places our CH classrooms in the lower level of the IMC.
- Design phase is ongoing.

5. Adjourn

- Casey moved to adjourn; Chris seconded.
 - The motion passed unanimously with no discussion.
 - Meeting ended 4:09