



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
RMCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
Minutes: December 7, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

Location(s)

☐ Virtual: Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89335730882?pwd=bTRWTGYxbnFnUXduWEhva1lOWGRaUT09>
Meeting ID: 893 3573 0882 **Password:** 4z5WfS

A. Call to Order

Roll Call: Director Hautau called to order at 5:34 pm - Directors Akognan, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews, Hammons, Staff: Executive Director & Superintendent Mannion

B. RMCS Mission & Vision

Read by Director Hautau

C. Public Comment

None

D. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve Dir. Matthews, 2nd Dir. Hammons
Aye: Directors Akognan, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews, Hammons,
Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

E. Board Development -

1. Board Retreat - Date Jan 7, 2023, Location 3 English St. Petaluma, CA 10am - 4pm
Dir. Hautau and Dir. Hammons will continue to work on the agenda with Executive Director and Superintendent Mannion
2. Board Fiscal Savvy - Dir Hautau will send out packets for Board Members to browse prior to Board Retreat.

F. Approval of Minutes

November 9, 2022
Motion to approve Dir. Hautau, 2nd Dir. Hammons
Aye: Directors Akognan, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews, Hammons,
Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

G. Communications

1. Executive Director's Report: Classrooms are normalizing per Montessori pedagogy.. Guides/classes are addressing physical and sensorial needs with dance, movement, and music which has supported this developmental need. Young Performers International will start in January to supplement music. The *International Family Festival* was a great success with a good turnout, *Watch Me Work!* was highly attended, and *Late Night Great Night*, for Sixth Year Students was excellent. Lack of available subs continues but coverage is maintained. Upper EI student projects are going well. The Embracing Equity meeting has been rescheduled to January due to Covid infections. River received a PEF Impact Grant of \$15,000 for Physical Literacy and orders have been placed for indoor and outdoor lessons, games, and activities. Enrollment currently is 138 with new TK students beginning in January. Assistant Training was held with another in January. Open House & Curriculum Display is February 28th, 6-7 p.m.; students will give lessons to families, guests, and prospective families.
2. Finance Report: *Charter Impact* continues to provide services. Rebecca, the rep from the financial team introduced our new representative, Rich McNeel. Discussion on where the financial presentation would be on the agenda.
3. River Montessori Foundation Report: None
4. Marketing Report: None
5. Facilities Report: None

H. Items for Board Consideration

1. Discussion & Action: Covid 19 Update - The campus remains a symptom-free environment, however there has been a surge in non-COVID, cold, and flu symptomatic cases. Absenteeism is high.
2. Discussion & Action: Determination of Virtual Meeting, the RMCS BOD makes an original determination to host meetings given COVID-19 concern and to ensure safety of attendees.
Motion to approve Dir. Hautau, 2nd Dir. Matthews
Aye: Directors Akognan, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews, Hammons

Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

3. Discussion & Action: Audit Extension Request to OAUSD by Auditor - Auditor requested extension and Old Adobe approved on Oct 28th, 2022, County subsequently approved the extension. Discussion, no action

4. Discussion & Action: First Interim Budget Report: Rebecca from Charter Impact presented the PowerPoint financial overview for the first quarter of the school year.

Motion to approve Dir. Hautau, 2nd Dir. Hammons

Aye: Directors Akognan, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews, Hammons,

Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

I. Future Agenda Items

- Decision whether to meet in person or virtual for the Retreat will be made closer to the date

J. Adjournment 6:38pm

Motion: Hautau, Second: Matthews

Aye: Directors Akognan, Lohrentz, Hautau, Matthews, Hammons,

Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

Future Meeting Date(s): Virtual Meetings: 5:30 p.m., On-Campus Meetings: 6:30 p.m. TBD pending health directives

January 7, 2023

March 8, 2023

June 28, 2023

January 11, 2023

April 12, 2023

February 8, 2023

May 10, 2023

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I, Judith Matthews, Secretary of the RMCS Board of Directors, hereby certify that these minutes were approved at the 02/08/23 RMCS Board Meeting.

Judith Matthews

Secretary, RMCS Board of Directors

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