



Creekstone Montessori School (CMS) Board of Directors

Board Meeting Notes/Minutes

Monday, April 20th, 2026, 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. (CDT)

Item No.	Item, Conveyor(s), Description	Specifics
I.	Call to Order <i>Perry Sekus, Chair</i>	Welcome Establish Quorum: Perry Sekus, Michelle Sturm, Katelyn Reynolds, Elissa Behnke, Tina Duerkop, Danielle Mandelkow, Ted LaFrance, Cait Larsen, Mandy Williams Pledge of Allegiance Mission Statement <i>Approval of Meeting Agenda</i> Motion: Perry Sekus Voice Vote Motion Carries 5/0
II.	Public Comments	Open No Public Comments No Public Attendees
III.	Conflict of Interest <i>Perry Sekus, Chair</i>	Conflict of Interest Review None Presented
IV.	Consent Agenda <i>Perry Sekus, Chair</i>	<u>Consent Agenda:</u> Monday, March 23rd, 2026 Annual Meeting Minutes <i>Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented.</i> Motion: Perry Sekus Voice Vote Motion Carries 5/0
V.	Board Policy Review and Adoption <i>Perry Sekus, Chair</i> <i>Michelle Sturm, Executive Director</i>	<u>Second Reading</u> 710 Weapon on School Property NEW - POLICY 710- Weapon on School Property

704 [Preschool Tuition Scholarship](#)

First Reading

702 [Accounting](#)

702.1 [Fund Balance](#)

703 [Annual Audit](#)

318 [Fixed Asset Policy](#)

Motion to approve above policies as presented.

Motion: Perry Sekus

Second: Tina Duerkop

Motion Carries 5/0

VI. Business of the Board

Finance

Ted LaFrance, Treasurer

Joseph Sovine, EdFinMN

Finance Update

- In-depth discussion of change in Fund Balance
- Walk through Long-Term Revenue and Expense Budgets

Motion to accept financial statements as provided.

Motion: Perry Sekus

Second: Tina Duerkop

Roll Call Vote: 5/0

Motion to revise the FY26 Financial Statement for current year.

Motion: Perry Sekus

Second: Ted LaFrance

Roll Call Vote: 5/0

Motion to adopt the FY27 Financial Statement for upcoming year.

Motion: Ted LaFrance

Second: Mandy

Roll Call Vote: 5/0

Governance

Perry Sekus, Chair

Dr. Michelle Sturm,

Executive Director/Head of School

Governance Update

Administration Report & Updates

Dr. Michelle Sturm,
Executive Director/Head of School

Danielle Mandelkow,
Director of Special Education

Elissa Behnke,
Director of Montessori

Katelyn Reynolds,
Director of Operations

Report and Updates

- Enrollment, staffing, and events updates

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- School Social Worker Update
- Creekstone Extended School Year starting Fall 2026

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- Gala update

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- Enrollment update

VII. Other Business

Board

Food Service Discussion

- Guest consultant Beth Evans

VIII. Authorizer

*Dr. David Peterson, MOChA Managing
Director*

Comments

- Walk through relationship between Creekstone and MOChA: past and ongoing roles

Updates

- Creekstone contract with authorizer MOChA to be renewed this year
- Discussion included:
 - Contract Renewal timeline
 - Various school goals and expectations pertaining to upcoming contract

IX. Adjournment

Tina Duerkop, Secretary

Recap Action Items:

- Check policy numbers
- Consult on MN Statute on teacher prep time

Next Meeting Date(s): Regular Board Meeting Monday, May 18th, 2026

Motion to Adjourn: Tina Duerkop

Second: Mandy Williams

Motion Carries 5/0
