



Creekstone Montessori School (CMS) Board of Directors

Board Meeting Notes/Minutes

Monday, May 18th 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, Elissa Behnke, Danielle Mandelkow, Ted LaFrance, Tina Duerkop, Mandy Williams, Cait Larson Mission Statement Approval of Meeting Agenda Motion: Perry Sekus Second: Tina Duerkop Motion Carries 5/0
II.	Public Comments	Open No Public Comments Public Attendees: Emma Lundgren, Jim Leise, Jaqueline West, Ryan West
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> April 20th, 2026 Annual Meeting Minutes <i>Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented.</i> Motion: Tina Duerkop Second: Mandy Williams Motion Carries 5/0
V.	Board Policy Review and Adoption <i>Perry Sekus, Chair</i> <i>Michelle Sturm, Executive Director</i>	<u>First Reading:</u> 722 Public Data and Data Subject Request 735 Electronic Transfer of Funds

[Payroll Procedures](#)

710 [Weapon on School Property](#)

 NEW - POLICY 710- Weapon on School Property

704 [Preschool Tuition Scholarship](#)

Final Reading of Above Policies:

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VI. Business of the Board

Finance

Ted LaFrance, Treasurer

Joseph Sovine, EdFinMN

Finance Update

- Reduced fund balance by \$83,187
- Conservative spending in coming fiscal year

Motion to approve Financial Statement and Check Register for April 2026.

Motion: Ted LaFrance

Second: Cait Larson

Motion Carries 5/0

Governance

Perry Sekus, Chair

Dr. Michelle Sturm,

Executive Director/Head of School

Governance

- Introduced new board members to meeting systems, role and requirements of board members, and goals of the school board

Administration Report & Updates

Dr. Michelle Sturm,

Executive Director/Head of School

Report and Updates

- Enrollment
- Staffing
- Community Events

Danielle Mandelkow,

Director of Special Education

Report and Updates

- 2025 MCA recap
 - FastBridge Assessments will be used as primary assessment/school comparison tool going forward
 - 2026 FastBridge Assessment results:
 - 63% of students are achieving grade level Literacy goals
 - 81% of students met growth goals in Literacy
 - 56% of students are achieving grade level math goals
 - 49% of students met growth goals in math
 - Dyslexia Screening
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	<i>Elissa Behnke,</i> Director of Montessori	<u>Report and Updates</u> - Gala recap: almost \$21,000 raised
VII.	Authorizer <i>Dr. David Peterson, MOChA Managing Director</i>	Comments - Appreciated site visit - Full report pending Updates - Contract renewal process meeting in June: Dr. Michelle and Dr. Peterson
VII.	Adjournment <i>Tina Duerkop, Secretary</i>	Recap Action Items: - Review policies and procedures listed above for Final Reading Next Meeting Date(s): Regular Board Meeting June 15th , 2026 Motion to Adjourn: Tina Duerkop Second: Ted LaFrance Motion Carries 5/0