



Creekstone Montessori School (CMS) Board of Directors

Board Meeting Notes/Minutes

Monday, June 15th, 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, Mandy Williams Pledge of Allegiance Mission Statement Approval of Meeting Agenda Motion: Perry Sekus Voice Vote Motion Carries 4/0
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, May 18th, 2026 Annual Meeting Minutes <i>Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented.</i> Motion: Perry Sekus Voice Vote Motion Carries 4/0
V.	Board Policy Review and Adoption <i>Perry Sekus, Chair</i> <i>Michelle Sturm, Executive Director</i>	<u>Final Reading</u> 704 Preschool Tuition Scholarship 710 Weapon on School Property NEW - POLICY 710- Weapon on School Property

Motion to approve Preschool Tuition Scholarship Policy (704) as presented.

Motion: Perry Sekus

Roll Call Vote

Motion Carries 4/0

Motion to approve Weapon on School Property Policy (710) as presented.

Motion: Perry Sekus

Roll Call Vote

Motion Carries 4/0

VI. Business of the Board

Finance

Ted LaFrance, Treasurer

Joseph Sovine, EdFinMN

Finance Update

- Update on process for creating budget in conjunction with enrollment timeline in coming years

Motion to approve Financial Statement as presented.

Motion: Ted LaFrance

Second: Mandy Williams

Motion Carries 4/0

Governance

Perry Sekus, Chair

Dr. Michelle Sturm,

Executive Director/Head of School

Facilities Discussion

- Possibly tour Colvill School when it becomes available?

Governance Update

- Creekstone Foundation AI Grant Tool: explanation and encouragement to begin using

Motion to approve [2026-2027 CMS Calendar](#) as presented.

Motion: Tina Duerkop

Second: Ted LaFrance

Motion Carries 4/0

Motion to approve [2026-2027 CMS Assessment Calendar](#) as presented.

Motion: Tina Duerkop

Second: Ted LaFrance

Motion Carries 4/0

Administration Report & Updates

Dr. Michelle Sturm,

Executive Director/Head of School

Report and Updates

- Staffing
 - Creekstone Kids Club
 - Lease with LSS
 - Library
 - Enrollment
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Danielle Mandelkow,
Director of Special Education

Report and Updates

- Staffing
- Extended School Year
- Special Education Parent Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 24th 12:00
- More students qualifying for Intervention Services (44% increased to 56%; ~5 students)
- MDE *Maintenance of Effort* Audit of Special Ed. Budget
- Special Ed. plans for next year: Push-In Model

Elissa Behnke,
Director of Montessori

Report and Updates

- Reflections on the year: teaching, pedagogy, fundraising, teacher training, etc.

Katelyn Reynolds,
Director of Operations

Report and Updates

- Enrollment update

VII. Authorizer
Dr. David Peterson, MOChA Managing Director

Comments

- Congratulations on completion of 4th School Year for Creekstone

Updates

- Starting process for contract renewal process between Creekstone and MOChA
- Michelle and Dr. Peterson have begun meeting and planning this process

VIII. Adjournment
Tina Duerkop, Secretary

Recap Action Items:

- Find out: Is the tuition discount for children of employees part of the Employee Benefits Package?
- Acquire signage stating that weapons are prohibited on school property

Next Meeting Date(s): Regular Board Meeting - July 20th, 2026
Motion to Adjourn: Mandy Williams
Second: Tina Duerkop
Motion Carries 4/0
