CREEKSTONE
Montessori School

Creekstone Montessori School (CMS) Board of Directors

Board Meeting Notes/Minutes

Monday, August 17th, 2026, 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. (CDT)

Item No.	Item, Conveyor(s), Description	Specifics
I.	**Call to Order** *Perry Sekus, Chair*	Welcome Present: Perry Sekus, Michelle Sturm, Katelyn Reynolds, Elissa Behnke, Ted LaFrance, Emma Lundgren, Jim Leise, Jacqueline West, Dr. David Peterson Establish Quorum: Established Pledge of Allegiance Mission Statement Approval of Meeting Agenda Motion: Perry Sekus Voice Vote Motion Carries 5/0
II.	**Public Comments**	Open No Public Comments 1 Public Attendee(s)
III.	**Conflict of Interest** *Perry Sekus, Chair*	Conflict of Interest Review None Presented
IV.	**Consent Agenda** *Perry Sekus, Chair*	**Consent Agenda**: July 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes *Motion to Approve Consent Agenda as Prepared* Motion: Jim Leise Second: Ted LaFrance Voice Vote Motion Carries 5/0
V.	**Board Policy Review and Adoption** *Perry Sekus, Chair* *Michelle Sturm, Executive Director*	First Read *Montessori Training, Sponsorship, and Commitment Policy* *-Elissa gave an explanation of what expectations the policy has when supplying payment for training.* *-Action: read through policy, and help understand.*

Final Reading
-Action: Michelle to put policy information in Parent Handbook

707 Student Transportation

708 Transportation of Non-Public School Students

709 Student Transportation Safety

710 Weapon on School Property

Motion to approve Student Transportation Policy (707) as presented.
Motion: Jim Leise
Second:
Roll Call Vote
Motion Carries 5/0

Motion to approve Transportation of Non-Public School Students (708) as presented.
Motion: Jim Leise
Second: Emma Lundgren
Roll Call Vote
Motion Carries 5/0

Motion to approve Student Transportation Safety Policy (709) as presented.
Motion: Jim Leise
Second: Emma Lundgren
Roll Call Vote
Motion Carries 5/0

Motion to approve Weapon on School Policy (709) as presented.
Motion: Jim Leise
Second: Emma Lundgren
Roll Call Vote
Motion Carries 5/0

VI. Business of the Board

Finance
Ted LaFrance, Treasurer
Joseph Sovine, EdFinMN

Finance Update
- Update was given and discussion was had.
- Audit Underway

Motion to approve Financial Statement as presented.
Motion: Ted LaFrance
Second: Emma Lundgren
Motion Carries 5/0

Governance Update
- *Officially seating Emma Lundgren as Secretary*

Governance
Perry Sekus, Chair
Dr. Michelle Sturm,
Executive Director/Head of School

Motion to seat Emma Lundgren as Secretary.
Motion: Jim Leise
Second: Jacqueline West
Motion Carries 5/0

Administration Report & Updates
Dr. Michelle Sturm,
Executive Director/Head of School

Report and Updates
- Update was given and discussion was had.

Danielle Mandelkow,
Director of Special Education

Report and Updates
- Update was given and discussion was had.

Elissa Behnke,
Director of Montessori

Report and Updates
- Update was given and discussion was had.

Katelyn Reynolds,
Director of Operations

Report and Updates
- Update was given and discussion was had.

VII. Other Business
Potential Property/Relocation Review

Updates:
- Update was given and discussion was had.
- Action: Reach out to the owner of Villa Maria to let them

		know our thoughts.
VIII.	**Authorizer** *Dr. David Peterson, MOChA Managing Director*	**Comments** - Looking forward to the school year! **Updates** - Update was given and discussion was had.
IX.	**Adjournment** *Emma Lundgren, Secretary*	**Recap Action Items:** - First Reading of Montessori Training, Sponsorship, and Commitment Policy - Board Members to finish Board Training - Michelle to make Policy accessible/well known to parents. - Create Facilities Committee Next Meeting Date(s): Regular Board Meeting - September 21st, 2026 Motion to Adjourn: Ted LaFrance Second: Jacqueline West Motion Carries 5/0