**Governance Committee Monthly Report – November 2021**

Nov. 3, 2021 – 4 pm; Virtual via Google Meet

Governance Committee Meeting Attendance: Chris Morton, Kari Schwab, Robert Wolfe, Kim, Elizabeth

**Board Retreat**

* Date: 11/16, 6:30-9pm
* AMS accreditation and self-evaluation survey results and insights

**Board Candidates**

* Recommendation for # board members:
	+ Tie votes - is that really a bad thing? We may not always have 100% attendance
	+ Nobody can remember why we picked 15 max. 11 is a nice number :-)
	+ Goals:
		- Legal x2
		- Project Management/Facilities
		- Finance x2
		- Education/Montessori x2
		- Diversity of board
		- Diversity of children of board members
	+ Why increase now?
		- No urgency for us today, maybe urgency for lottery for candidates
	+ Risk/Benefit of growing the board?
		- > number, easier quorum
		- > number, spread the load, in theory
		- Too many cooks...
* Kevin Hughes - Legal
	+ Attorney, current parent of elementary students
	+ Husband of former board member
	+ Attended at least two meetings, interview complete by Kim and Chris
* Katie Brown - Educational
	+ Current children’s house parent (CH)
	+ PHD research on Montessori
	+ Attended at least two meetings, interviews complete by Robert and Elizabeth
	+ Consensus is that Montessori knowledge, Grant writing, Charter experience is worthwhile and recommendation is we offer Katie the spot
* Louis Thomas - Business/Finance
	+ Backburner - no significant need for business/finance

**Board Meeting Efficiency**

* <http://carync.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx> <-example
	+ - Consent Agenda?
	+ Accessible through calendar?

**NEW business**:

* Can we put an autoresponder on president email
* Advisory Panel (ex-officio position)
	+ Remove Frank and Elisa? Probably safe :-)
	+ Employee/Staff member? A person the faculty votes as their representative, with clear role
	+ PFSA member? Stephanie or vote a member up as rep
	+ Student Council president?
	+ Benefit: An additional (equal) voice, just no vote...

*ARTICLE 7 — ADVISORY PANEL*

*1. General. The Board, by majority vote, may appoint up to two (2)*

*persons to serve on its Advisory Panel. A member of the Advisory Panel shall serve*

*on the Advisory Panel until his or her death, resignation, or removal from the*

*Advisory Panel. A member of the Advisory Panel may be removed with or without*

*cause at any meeting of the Board by a majority vote of the Board. A vacancy on the*

*Advisory Panel may be filled by the Board in its discretion.*

*2. Advisory Panel Authority. The Advisory Panel shall serve as advisors*

*to the Board. The Advisory Panel shall not have any voting rights. The Advisory*

*Panel may hold meetings from time to time as requested by the Board.*

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*Excluded Persons. The following persons shall not be eligible to serve*

*on the Board: (i) employees of the charter school and/or academy operated by the*

*Board; or (ii) any director, officer, or employee of a service provider or management*

*company who contracts with the Foundation.*

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Morton