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Governance Committee

Regular Monthly Meeting Report - April

Committee Actions and Recommendations:

- Governance Committee requests full attendance at two ½ day board retreats, and would like board discussion and input on the following proposed topics:
 - Review strategic plan / progress (maybe this should wait for a new ED?)
 - Clarify goals/priorities of AMS accreditation and what it means to us to be a Montessori school
 - Clarify what it means to us to be a Charter School
 - Clarify DEI mission / priority
 - Review prior year for learning opportunities
 - ED search conversation / deep-dive
- Governance Committee requests board members to review the board handbook prior to the June annual meeting
 - DRAFT 2022_LHU_Board_Handbook
 - Please make recommendations prior to approval in June



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Minutes from Apr. 6, 2022 Meeting:

Attendance and Call To Order

Virtual via Google Meet Chair: Chris Morton Board Members Present: Kim Elliott, Kari Schwab, Elizabeth Uzzell Others: n/a Meeting was called to order at 5:10pm.

Approval of Prior Minutes

At 5:16pm, Chris made a motion to approve the minutes from Mar 2, 2022 : 2022_Mar_LHU_Governance_Report . Passed unanimously

Recruiting

Current LHU Board Interest Matrix
We have no immediate needs to fill; Board stands at 12 voting members. No recent interest.

Discussion of Google Forms (or other) for board member agreements

Per Dave Machado, we can meet our requirements electronically.

Goal: One online form with all signed agreements - Ryan Hill agreed to work offline with Chris on google forms version of the existing physical forms.

We may want to look at alternate board software options / docusign at the same time (\$\$)

Discussion of Board Retreat

Annual meeting is in June. It is important for the board to dedicate at least ½ day retreat. Potential discussion topics for retreat and/or working sessions:

- Review strategic plan / progress (maybe with a new ED?)
- clarify goals/requirements of Montessori / AMS accreditation
- Clarify DEI mission / priority
- Clarify what it means to us to be a Charter School / mission
- Review prior year(s) for learning opportunities
- ED search conversations

Elizabeth Uzzell suggested bringing in Dave Machado and/or Donna Rascoe - this would be good for the June annual meeting.



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Kim Elliott suggested we may want to come up with a list of governance (and other) questions including review of hiring policy/procedures (as well as contract renewal or non-renewal)

Action: Ryan to send out doodle poll for May: Wednesday or Friday evenings, Saturday mornings

Discussion of Board Handbook

DRAFT 2022_LHU_Board_Handbook

Chris would like to complete and get approved at the June annual meeting. Chris to assign topics and ask specific questions of other board members. Note: We would like to document board-ED procedures that clearly set board expectations to the ED and school staff.

Closure and Next Steps:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:32pm.