

Treasure Village Montessori School
School Advisory Committee Minutes
November 21, 2019
3:30pm – 5pm

Intro: The meeting was called to order by Chair Maureen McDonough.

Attendees: In attendance were the following: Maureen McDonough, Elizabeth Jolin, Sue Woltanski, Kristen Giordino, Ari Phoelek, Christian Garcia, Michelle Kane, Deanna Norling

Minutes: September 2019 minutes were unanimously approved.

Dress Code: Maureen McDonough advised the committee of a recently revisited interest in the dress code. A video was produced by a contingent of middle schoolers and presented to the School Board to ask for changes in the dress code.

The committee reviewed the lengthy history of changes to the code and would suggest these changes to the existing code language:

Dress Code Guidelines:

Uniforms are to be worn on PE days. . . CHANGE TO: School approved uniforms are to be worn on PE days. . .

Only one piece bathing suits CHANGE TO: School approved rashguards and bathing suits must be worn by all children . . .

Jeans and shorts with holes must have holes below fingertips. . . CHANGE TO: Jeans and shorts with holes may NOT be worn to school.

Enforcement:

First sentence should include It is the intention of the administration to create a gender neutral and consistently enforced dress code. Teachers will focus on teaching without the additional burden of dress code enforcement. Students will not be subjected to embarrassment, unnecessary discipline or shaming as a result of dress code infractions. The principal is the final arbiter of student dress and grooming.

Additionally, the group suggested these changes:

TVM should provide and require students to use one school uniform provider to bring consistency in to the uniform. This should apply to PE uniforms as well.

The school uniform should apply to bottom wear as well as tops. Khaki shorts, skirts or skorts should be required to be worn on uniform days.

The meeting adjourned at 5pm.