

School Board Election Time!

Spring is election time for the Three Rivers Montessori Charter School Board.

Becoming a school board member is a way to support Three Rivers Montessori. The commitment begins at 10 hours per month (and can go up to 50 hours or more). The obligation consists of our monthly meeting and the prep work. If you have questions regarding the board activities or commitments, please reach out to any current board members.

Two or more seats will be open this year. Traditionally a term is three years. There will be one, one-year term and at least one three year term. Our board can have up to 7 members; but must have at least 5 to operate.

Who can run? Any Community Member (must have at least one), Parent of a Current Student (must have at least one), or a Teacher (must have at least one licensed teacher, and TRM teachers must not be more than 50% of board members).

The definitions of the different types of members are as follows:

- A parent member must have a current student and cannot be employed by the school or perform contract work.
- A teacher member must be a current teacher. They may (or may not) have a current student.
- A community member is a resident of Minnesota who is not otherwise currently associated with the school.

The timeline for applications and elections is as follows:

- March – solicit applications
- May 1, 2023 – last day to submit an application
- May 3, 2023 – special board meeting to accept applications
- May 9, 2023 – elections open
- May 11, 2023 – elections closed
- May 16, 2023 – School Board meeting – results of the election announced
- May 16, 2023 – School Board meeting – board votes & designates officers
- July 2023 Regular School Board meeting – new members were sworn in

The membership application is at www.threeriversmontessori.org. To apply, fill out the application and return it to Chris Castagneri chris.castagneri@threeriversmontessori.org or any board member.

Positions on the board (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, & Secretary) are voted on by the board members who are elected, at the TRM Annual Meeting.

Ballots will be sent home with each student for up to two legal guardians.