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Thursday, April 4th, 2024



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**Reminder,
No School
Friday, April 5th for Staff Development**

Three Rivers Reads: Board Edition

School Board Election Time!

Becoming a school board member is a way to support Three Rivers Montessori.

The commitment begins at around 10 hours per month. The bulk of the obligation consists of our monthly board meetings and the prep work involved to be prepared for the meetings. If you have questions about the role of a board member, you can reach out to any current board members.

We have two seats open this year. Traditionally a term is three years. 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), a parent of a current student (must have at least one), or a teacher (must have at least one licensed teacher working at TRM and teachers ca not comprise more than 50% of the TRM board).

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

- A parent member must have a current student enrolled and cannot be employed by the school or perform contract work
- A teacher member must be a current licensed 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



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Timeline for Applications & Election:

- April** - Solicit Applications for Potential Members
- May 1st** - Last day to Submit an Application
- May 3rd** - Candidates Posted to Website and Social Media for Public Announcement
- May 3rd** - Physical Ballots Sent Home
- May 6th** - Elections Open; Ballots To Be Physically Returned in the School Lobby
- May 17th** - Elections Close at 3pm
- May 21st** - School Board Annual Meeting- Results of the Election Announced
- July 2024** - Regular School Board Meeting, New Members are Sworn In

How to Apply

The Membership application can be found at: <https://threeriversmontessori.org/trm-policies> (200 Series, Item 1). To apply, fill out the application and return it to Brooke Blomker, Board Secretary at: brooke.blomker@threeriversmontessori.org

How the Election Works:

The board considers applicants and votes to approve candidates for the election. Some Criteria for the candidates are:

Experience: Individuals who have experience serving on a non-profit or education related board or experience with finance, legal affairs, or education.

Commitment: Candidates who are committed to the mission and vision of TRM. Individuals who are willing to dedicate the time and effort required to serve on the board.

Integrity: Candidates who are honest, ethical, and have a good reputation in the community.

Collaboration: candidates who can work collaboratively with others and would work well in a team environment.

When possible, or as needed, candidates may be interviewed by board delegates before being presented for approval as a candidate. Once approved, individuals go on the ballots for the election. Ballots are sent home with each student; one ballot per household. Candidates offer a written statement on why they should be elected and this is publicly posted. Candidates receiving the most votes are elected to fill the vacant seats. It is a plurality voting system where the highest number of votes is elected. Results are announced at the Annual Meeting.

