

MARIA MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 2013



Location: Maria Montessori Academy
2505 N. 200 E.
North Ogden, UT 84414

In Attendance: Preston Allen, Loma Prince, Yana Sprague, Joan Effiong, Dore Elmer, Stephanie Speicher

Others in Attendance: Nancy Lindeman (Director), Kim Dohrer (AW), Ryan Arrington (AW), Kara Finley (AW)

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MINUTES

5:38 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Preston Allen

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

- ❖ Dore Elmer made a motion to enter a Closed Session to discuss an individual's character, professional competence, or physical or mental health; Loma Prince seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, the votes were as follows:
 - Preston Allen – AYE
 - Loma Prince – AYE
 - Joan Effiong – AYE
 - Yana Sprague – AYE
 - Dore Elmer – AYEEntered Closed Session at 5:38 PM.

Stephanie Speicher arrived at 6:25 PM.

- ❖ Joan Effiong made a motion to adjourn the Closed Session and enter the Board Meeting; Stephanie Speicher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, the votes were as follows:
 - Preston Allen – AYE
 - Loma Prince – AYE
 - Joan Effiong – AYE
 - Yana Sprague – AYE
 - Dore Elmer – AYE
 - Stephanie Speicher – AYEAdjourned Closed Session and entered Board Meeting at 6:58 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- ❖ No public comments were made.
Nancy Lindeman arrived at 7:02 PM.

CONSENT ITEMS

- ❖ **Board Meeting & Closed Session Minutes**
Stephanie Speicher made a motion to approve the April 9, 2013 Board Meeting & Closed Session Minutes; the April 12, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes, the April 24, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes, and the May 6, 2013 Board Meeting & Closed Session Minutes; Yana Sprague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTING

❖ **MAPA**

Dore Elmer updated the Board on the events MAPA is planning, committees that are being formed, and the organization for next year. The budget was approved at the MAPA meeting and allocations of funds were determined, based on being able to hold the Gala. Teacher appreciation week went well and summer goals have been set.

❖ **Directors Report**

Nancy Lindeman provided a written report to the Board and answered questions on the report. The Special Education team received a great response on the compliance report they submitted and were praised for their hard work.

❖ **Budget Report**

Loma Prince reviewed the budget and the surplus that will be available. She discussed expenses and how the budget will round out for the end of the school year.

VOTING ITEMS

❖ **Bullying & Hazing Policy**

The Board discussed the updates to the policy as required by law.

Yana Sprague made a motion to approve the revised Bullying and Hazing Policy; Dore Elmer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ **Preschool Vendor**

Preston Allen reviewed the preschool vendor RFP process and the vendor that responded. The Board discussed the services provided, how the program would be advertised, and the process for student enrollment.

Loma Prince made a motion to enter into contract negotiations with Children's Garden Montessori as a preschool vendor; Dore Elmer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ **Director Employment Offer**

Dore Elmer made a motion to extend an employment offer to Stephanie Speicher for the position of Director; Yana Sprague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, the votes were as follows:

- Preston Allen – AYE
- Loma Prince – AYE
- Joan Effiong – AYE
- Yana Sprague – AYE
- Dore Elmer – AYE
- Stephanie Speicher – ABSTAINED

❖ **Curriculum Specialist Employment Offer**

Stephanie Speicher made a motion to extend an employment offer to Nancy Lindeman for the position of Curriculum Specialist; Yana Sprague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

❖ **End of Year Surveys**

Nancy Lindeman discussed that the End of Year Surveys being conducted and results will be ready for review at the Retreat.

❖ **Charter Effectiveness Goals 5 & 6**

The Board reviewed the goals and how the school is progressing with them. The Spanish program was reviewed including some complications but the school is working towards achieving the measurement criteria. The school-wide community service program was discussed including events that have been held and the committee that organizes service.

❖ **Action Item Review**

Preston Allen reviewed the action items, those that have been completed as well as the status of outstanding action items.

❖ **Calendaring**

- Summer Retreat June 14-15, 2013

BOARD GOVERNANCE TRAINING

❖ **Charter School Board University**

Training was tabled to the Board Retreat.

ADJOURN

- ❖ Loma Prince made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting; Stephanie Speicher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
Board Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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