

**Maria Montessori Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, August 13, 2013**



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

In Attendance: Preston Allen, Loma Prince, Dore Elmer, Joan Effiong, Yana Sprague
Others in Attendance: Stephanie Speicher (Director), Ryan Arrington (AW), Gabe Clark (AW)

The mission of Maria Montessori Academy is to provide an individualized grade K-9 education that promotes academic excellence founded on the authentic philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori. MMA will craft each child's education in partnership with educators and parents to achieve higher levels of academic, personal and social achievement, thereby preparing students to become constructive contributors to their community.

MINUTES

5:30 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Preston Allen

CONSENT ITEMS

- **Meeting Minutes**
Joan Effiong moved to approve the July 9, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes and the July 16, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes; Yana Sprague seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **New Hires**
Dore Elmer moved to approve Julia Miller, Jessica Stegan, Jamie Pugmire, and Kathleen Lowe as New Hires; Loma Prince seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comments were made.

PRESENTATION

- **Montessori Manager**
Thom Rockwell presented to the Board the Montessori Manager program that is being considered to replace MRX, which the school has been using. The cost is slightly less than MRX and less than other alternatives. The program is new and was beta tested last year at the school. Stephanie Speicher has researched the options and feels that this is the best alternative. It should provide better functionality and be user-friendly for employees and parents. Mr. Rockwell is a parent of students that attend the school, works as an assistant in the school, and is the husband of a teacher at the school.

REPORTS

- **MAPA Update**
Dore Elmer updated the Board on the status of MAPA, including their 501(c)(3) application, safety committee, and handyman committee.
- **Directors Report**
Stephanie Speicher updated the Board on the status of the school, including enrollment, leadership actions, professional development, data collection and assessment, test scores, DIBELS testing, CRT scores, and ideas for improving test scores. She requested changing the student leadership focus to math student achievement data for the next board meeting.
- **Budget Report**
Ryan Arrington reported on the budget status. There has not been much activity. Ryan Arrington and Stephanie Speicher will be meeting monthly regarding general and restricted budgets.

VOTING ITEMS

- **Montessori Manager License Agreement**
Loma Prince moved to approve the Montessori Manager License Agreement; Yana Sprague seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Handbooks**
Dore Elmer moved to approve the Staff Handbook and the Parent and Student Handbook; Joan Effiong seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Bullying and Hazing Policy**
Loma Prince moved to approve the Bullying and Hazing Policy; Yana Sprague seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion of the following items was tabled: Junior High Program, Charter Effectiveness Goals, Action Items, and Calendaring.

GOVERNANCE TRAINING

- Discussion of Charter School Board University Chapter 24 was tabled.

ADJOURN

- Dore Elmer moved to adjourn the Board Meeting; Yana Sprague seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.