

# Mountain West Montessori Academy

## Board Meeting Minutes

### Monday, October 25, 2021

**Location:** MWMA Library, 4125 W. Foxview Drive, South Jordan, UT 84009



**In Attendance:** Steve Barnes, Andrew Marx, Lois Bobo (via Zoom), Nelson Altamirano (7:17 p.m. via Zoom)

**Excused:** Corbin White,

**Others in Attendance:** Brandon Fairbanks, Angie Johnson, Sheri Ebert, Cathie Hurst, Dawn Kawaguchi,

Founded upon Montessori philosophy, the mission of Mountain West Montessori Academy is to facilitate student-centered learning and intellectual curiosity through an individualized and interdisciplinary curriculum, hands-on experience, and community involvement.

## MINUTES

### 2021-2022 BOARD PRIORITIES

Safely Re-Engage in Hands-On & Experiential Learning Experiences

Implement Computer Science Initiative

Continue Improvement of Literacy Instruction & Outcomes

### 6:49 PM – INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- Call to Order – Steve Barnes
- School Mission – Steve
- Montessori Mastery – Angie shared a quote by Maria Montessori. “The greatest gift we can give our children are the roots of the responsibility and the wings of independence”. This has been the theme for the year.

**There was no PUBLIC COMMENT.**

### REPORTS

- **Director**
  - State of the School – Angie Johnson reviewed the current year’s board priorities and reported on each priority including recent re-engaging hands-on and experiential learning experiences; implement computer science initiative; continuing improvement of literacy instruction; highlighting a strength and a challenge; and the school’s statement on critical race theory. *Lois Bobo was excused at 7:18 p.m.*
- **Board of Directors**
  - Financial Update – Andrew Marx reported on the financials as of September 30<sup>th</sup>. He has no areas of concerns and reviewed the areas that aren’t in line due to one-time payments. Cathie added that the bonding has helped with the budget.

## BOARD TRAINING

- School LAND Trust Training – Brandon Fairbanks led a training for School LAND Trust including purpose, required training, council composition, parental involvement, and expenditure guidelines.

## CONSENT ITEMS

- September 21, 2021 Electronic Board Meeting Minutes – There was no further discussion. **Andrew Marx made a motion to approve the consent items. Steve Barnes seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**
  - Steve Barnes – Aye
  - Andrew Marx – Aye
  - Nelson Altamirano – Aye**Motion passed unanimously.**

## BUSINESS ITEMS (To Be Discuss and/or Voted On)

- Sex Education and Maturation Curriculum – Angie Johnson stated that the LAND Trust Committee reviewed the sex ed and maturation curriculum and they have decided to continue with the same curriculum. **Steve Barnes made a motion to approve the sex education instruction curriculum and maturation education program. Nelson Altamirano seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**
  - Steve Barnes – Aye
  - Andrew Marx – Aye
  - Nelson Altamirano – Aye**Motion passed unanimously.**
- Club Travel Trip Expenses – Angie Johnson stated that they are still planning to make the trip to Costa Rica which is currently open for travel. This club will be meeting to learn about Costa Rica. The trip would take place over Spring Break. Angie reminded the board that this trip is completely paid by the students apart from the board scholarships. She is still looking into the details with travel including quarantining, vaccinations, etc. There was a discussion on the scholarship program. **Andrew Marx made a motion to approve the Club Travel trip to Costa Rica not to exceed \$45,000. Steve Barnes seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**
  - Steve Barnes – Aye
  - Andrew Marx – Aye
  - Nelson Altamirano – Aye**Motion passed unanimously.**
- Montessori Conference Trip Expenses – Angie Johnson reported on this trip in her report. This is an estimate on getting all the teachers to this conference. Some of the money to fund this would come from SLT and the past two years funds that was rolled over. The cost that each teacher would pay out of pocket would be \$400. **Steve Barnes made a motion to approve the professional development trip for teachers to the American Montessori Society conference not to exceed \$50,000. Andrew Marx seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**
  - Steve Barnes – Aye
  - Andrew Marx – Aye
  - Nelson Altamirano – Aye

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS**

➤ **Calendaring – ALL**

- Next Pre-Board Meeting – November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m.
- Next Board Meeting – November 29<sup>th</sup> Electronic Board Meeting if needed

**8:01 PM – Andrew Marx made a motion to enter into a CLOSED SESSION to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a) in the library. Steve Barnes seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows:**

**Steve Barnes – Aye**

**Andrew Marx – Aye**

**Nelson Altamirano – Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**8:21 PM – Steve Barnes made a motion to exit the CLOSED SESSION and ADJOURN. Andrew Marx seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**

**Steve Barnes – Aye**

**Andrew Marx – Aye**

**Nelson Altamirano – Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Mountain West Montessori Academy  
Board of Directors  
Closed Session Statement  
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**CLOSED SESSION SWORN STATEMENT:**

*At a duly noticed public meeting held on the date listed above, the board of directors for **MOUNTAIN WEST MONTESSORI ACADEMY** entered into a closed session for the sole purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual in accordance with Utah Code Ann. 52-4-2(1)(a).*

I declare under criminal penalty under the law of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021, at **West Jordan**, Utah.



**Steve Barnes**  
*Board Chair*