

Mountain West Montessori Academy

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 17, 2022

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



In Attendance: Steve Barnes, Andrew Marx, Corbin White (via Zoom; 5:51 p.m.), Nelson Altamirano (5:52 p.m. via Zoom)

Excused: Lois Bobo

Others in Attendance: Dawn Kawaguchi, Cathie Hurst, Brandon Fairbanks, Angie Johnson, Daniela Lee (public via Zoom), Marissa Flores (public via Zoom)

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

2022-2023 BOARD PRIORITIES

Continue with the Computer Science Trajectory
Celebrate Teacher Excellence
Positive Community Communication

5:47 PM – INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- Call to Order – Steve Barnes
- School Mission – Steve
- Montessori Minute – Ms. Angie showed a PowerPoint of the students and all the fun they had at middle school camp that was last month at Camp Roger.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Daniela Lee made a public comment requesting that the school look into using an electronic payment such as Venmo or something that doesn't charge a fee to the parents. She also requested there not being a sink to wash hands in the cafeteria before they eat or allow the kids to go wash their hands in the restroom.

Corbin White arrived to the board meeting in person @ 5:51 p.m. Nelson Altamirano has joined the meeting via Zoom @ 5:52 p.m.

REPORTS

- **Director**
 - State of the School – Angie Johnson reviewed the current board goals and priorities. She informed the board on the recent things that they have been doing to **Celebrate Teacher Excellence** including “Would You Rather” fundraiser, warm fuzzies and

observations with specific positive feedback; recent **Positive Community Communication** including Parent Engagement BINGO, school newsletter, and Montessori parent night; and **Continuing Computer Science Initiative** including co-teaching and integration with current content, a creative coding field trip and skill struck usage data. Ms. Angie would like Mr. Alden to come to the next meeting to update the board. Ms. Angie also highlighted a current strength of our Acadiance reading data as well as a current challenge of helping parents understanding resilience building.

➤ **Board of Directors**

- Financial Update – Andrew Marx reviewed the financials as of September 30th. We are about a quarter of the way through the year. Most all areas are aligned with the budget. Kudos to Ms. Angie for being such a financial steward as well as help from AW. All items that seem out of line are one-time payments. Cathie added that with interest rates going up that is great for the PTIF.

CONSENT ITEMS

- August 15, 2022 Electronic Board Meeting Minutes – There was no further discussion. **Corbin White made a motion to approve the consent items. Andrew Marx seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**

Steve Barnes – Aye
Corbin White – Aye
Andrew Marx – Aye
Nelson Altamirano – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

VOTING ITEMS

- LEA-Specific Educator License(s) – Angie Johnson stated that she has two teachers that required and LEA-specific license and the rationale behind them. **Andrew Marx made a motion to approve the request for an MWMA-specific educator licenses for Racheal Webb for a Secondary Teaching License with a Science Core (6-8) endorsement and a Biology 2 endorsement and Krista Widdison for a Secondary Teaching License with a Dance (K-12) Endorsement both for a period of three years. Steve Barnes seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**

Steve Barnes – Aye
Corbin White – Aye
Andrew Marx – Aye
Nelson Altamirano – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

- Sex Education Instruction Curriculum – Angie Johnson stated that the sex education curriculum committee met and review the materials. Ms. Melissa Hill is the middle school health teacher and is the instructor for the course. She answered all questions that the committee had. The committee decided to have all sections included since students can opt out of any or all the sections. Ms. Angie stated that because of COVID, they have been providing a link of the information to parents, but she would like to try and do an “in person” presentation this year. The maturation materials were approved by the committee but not a presenter. **Andrew Marx made a motion to approve the sex education**

instruction curriculum and instructor as presented. Nelson Altamirano seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

Steve Barnes – Aye
Corbin White – Aye
Andrew Marx – Aye
Nelson Altamirano – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

- Amend Bullying & Hazing Policy – Brandon Fairbanks reviewed the amended Bullying & Hazing Policy. All changes are minor and are based off of new changes in the law.
- Amend Electronic Meetings Policy – Brandon Fairbanks reviewed the amended Electronic Meetings Policy which the board is already doing but now it's in the policy.
- Amend Parent & Family Engagement Policy – Brandon Fairbanks reviewed the amended Parent & Family Engagement Policy which includes engaging families of English language learners. **Steve Barnes made a motion to approve the amended Bullying & Hazing Policy; amended Electronic Meetings Policy; and approve the amended Parent & Family Engagement Policy. Andrew Marx seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**

Steve Barnes – Aye
Corbin White – Aye
Andrew Marx – Aye
Nelson Altamirano – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Calendaring – ALL
 - Next Pre-Board Meeting – November 16th @ 5:00 p.m.
 - Electronic Board Meeting – November 28th
 - Holiday Social – December 12th

6:29 PM – Steve Barnes made a motion to enter 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) located in the library. Andrew Marx seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows:

Steve Barnes – Aye
Andrew Marx – Aye
Corbin White – Aye
Nelson Altamirano – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

6:52 PM – Corbin White made a motion to exit the CLOSED SESSION and ADJOURN. Andrew Marx seconded the motion.

**Mountain West Montessori Academy
Board of Directors
Closed Session Statement
Monday, October 17, 2022**

Anchor Location: 4125 W. Foxview Drive, South Jordan, UT 84009



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 17th day of October, 2022.



Steve Barnes
Board Chair