

**Mountain West Montessori Academy**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 27, 2016**

**Location:** MWMA Library, 4125 W. Foxview Drive, South Jordan, UT 84095



**In Attendance:** Dan Galli, Steve Barnes, Andrew Marx, Ryan Parker, Corbin White, Lois Bobo

**Others in Attendance:** Kim Dohrer, Dawn Kawaguchi, Angie Johnson, Amy Pilkington, Cathie Hurst (5:51 p.m.)

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**MINUTES**

**2016-2017 BOARD PRIORITIES**

Parent Partnerships  
Data Driven Student Learning  
Student Communities

**5:00 PM – Board Background Checks**

**5:45 PM – INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

- Call to Order – Dan Galli
- School Mission – Steve Barnes
- Montessori Minute – Angie Johnson showcased the North American leaf cabinet which is part of the botany curriculum. Students trace the outline of the leaves. They have control cards show them the name of each leaf. The three part cards help the students to identify the leaves. Students in the lower el have been taking field trips to Donut Falls. Some of the activities on their field trip included making a leaf book and a scavenger hunt. Another field trip coming up will be to Silver Lake.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Tina Smith with UAPCS introduced herself and passed out a packet to each board member on their organization. She briefly explained that UAPCS provides advocacy, training and support to charter schools. She also touched on some of the efforts that they have done to support charter schools as well as options that UAPCS has available.

**REPORTS**

- **Director** – Amy Pilkington
  - State of the School – Amy pointed out that she has included a few comments from students and teachers
    - ♣ Review 2016-2017 Board Priorities
      - ✓ Parent Partnerships

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- ★ Hosted our first “Munch & Mingle”
- ★ Parent resource library has been established
- ★ Classroom websites
- ★ Enrollment – 497 as of today
- ✓ Data Driven Instruction
  - ★ Middle School teachers are Mastery Connect trained
  - ★ Preparing for PTC’s (next week)
- ✓ Strengthening Student Communities
  - ★ Middle School CAMP last week was very successful
  - ★ International Peace Day sing-around
- **Board of Directors**
  - Review Action Items – Dan Galli reviewed the action items. Reminders and updates were discussed and made.
  - Review 2016-2017 Budget as of August 31, 2016 – Ryan Parker reviewed the budget as of August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Steve Barnes made a motion to approve the CONSENT ITEMS. Ryan Parker seconded the motion. Corbin White and Lois Bobo did not vote at this time. Motion passed with a majority vote.**

- Approve June 21, 2016 Annual Board Meeting Minutes
- Approve June 21, 2016 Closed Session Affidavit

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

- Discuss and Vote on Utah Consolidated Application Plan – Amy Pilkington reviewed the UCA plan and where the money was going to be spent for the 2016-2017 school year. Kim added that the state funding is already coming in the monthly allotment for the Enhancement for At-Risk Students Plan, K-3 Reading and Accelerated Students. The other areas are federal funds and must come through reimbursement which means that you have to spend the money first and then submit reimbursement. **Dan Galli made a motion to approve the Utah Consolidated Application Plan. Lois Bobo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS**

- Calendaring – ALL
  - October Pre-Board Meeting – October 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Electronic Board Meeting – October 25<sup>th</sup> (if needed)
    - ✓ Steve Barnes has asked to be excused.
  - Next Board Meeting – November 15<sup>th</sup>
    - ✓ Corbin White has asked to be excused. Ryan Parker may also need to be excused. He is going to let Dan know.
  - Change Winter Retreat from March to January – Board decided to have one retreat on May 23<sup>rd</sup> for strategic planning. Dawn will send out the calendar invite.

**6:18 PM – Ryan Parker made a motion to ADJOURN and move into a Work Session. Andrew Marx seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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**6:20 PM – INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

- Call to Order – Dan Galli

**BOARD TRAINING**

- *Professional Development* – The board was split into two groups and each given an article to read. After reading the articles each group presented their article to the other group. The first group presented the Brian Carpenter Charter School Board University chapter on Governance vs. Management and his National Charter Schools Institute article “The Seven Absolutely Universal, Non-Negotiable, Unchanging Principles of Good School Governance”. Kim asked the board to send in topics that they would like future training on and she will research it for another work session like this.

**Other topics to have board training on:**

1. How do you measure non-cognitive growth?

**7:20 PM – Steve Barnes made a motion to ADJOURN. Ryan Parker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**