

Mountain West Montessori Academy
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 28, 2017

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



In Attendance: Dan Galli, Steve Barnes, Lois Bobo, Ryan Parker, Corbin White (via phone), Andrew Marx (5:45 p.m.)

Others in Attendance: Cathie Hurst, Dawn Kawaguchi, Angie Johnson, Amy Pilkington, Brandon Fairbanks

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

2016-2017 BOARD PRIORITIES

Parent Partnerships
Data Driven Student Learning
Student Communities

5:38 PM – INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- Call to Order – Dan Galli
- School Mission – Dan Galli
- *Montessori Minute* – Angie Johnson showcased the “Atom Board” which is used in the Lower EI (1-3). The Atom Board gives students a hands-on look at the basics of chemistry. Students are able to build models of every known element on the periodic table and perform various “what if” scenarios.

There was no PUBLIC COMMENT.

REPORTS

- **Student**
 - *Middle School Student Presentation* – Brynlee Justice (8th), Kelsie Rowe (8th), and Bailey Olsen (7th) presented a PowerPoint to the board recommending adding gray, black and white colors for sweaters and cardigans to the Dress Code Policy. The board asked follow up questions to their presentation. The board would like to add this to next month’s agenda as an action item.
- **Administration**
 - *State of the School* – Amy Pilkington
 - ♣ **Celebrating Our Work**
 - ✓ Eight employees attended the National Montessori Conference. It was a very inspiring and one of the best conference that Amy has ever attended.

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- ✓ Parent Survey was good overall particular in the classrooms. Amy reviewed the survey results along with some of the comments. The two areas that need improvement were communication on upcoming events and learning about the Montessori philosophy.

♣ **School Improvement Plan Goals**

- ✓ *Parent Partnerships*
 - ★ Enrollment for next year is full for each grade with a waitlist for the school in general.
 - ★ Continued marketing during the summer
 - ★ “What Comes Next”
- ✓ *Data Driven Instruction*
 - ★ Finished second round of SAGE interim
 - ★ Finished second round of DIBELS
 - ★ Monitoring use of Imagine Learning, Think Through Math, DIBELS, Fountas & Pennell, and ALEKS
- ✓ *Strengthening Student Communities*
 - ★ Middle School teams
 - ★ Participating in Biztown next month
 - ★ Leadership year to year outlines
 - ★ 9th grade travel
 - ★ Looking at how to take middle school campus to next level
- ✓ *Board comments:*
 - ★ Discussion on reading data and SAGE testing opt-outs
 - ★ Discussion on rebooting PTA. Formed PTA Committee to do some research and bring back info to the next board meeting. Committee member are Admin, Lois, Corbin, Steve and Brandon.

➤ **Board of Directors**

- Review 2016-2017 Budget as of February 28, 2017 – Ryan Parker reviewed the 2016-2017 budget as of February 28th. Pacing budget is showing a surplus of \$104,280. Cathie added that the monthly financials were not being sent out to the board because the email addresses were inputted wrong. This has now been corrected so the board should be receiving monthly financials on the 10th of every month.

Steve Barnes made a motion to approve the CONSENT ITEMS. Ryan Parker seconded the motion. Lois Bobo did not vote due to not being in attendance of the January meeting. Motion passed with a majority vote.

- Approve January 24, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

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

- Discuss and Vote on 2017-2018 School Calendar – Amy Pilkington reviewed the 2017-2018 school calendar. She is recommending starting 10 minutes later and ending 5 minutes later. This will allow for a little more prep time in the morning for our teachers. There was a discussion on the calendar alignment with JSD specifically starting a week and a half

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earlier. There as a discussion on the PTC attendance. The board would like the calendar to align with JSD as much as possible. **Ryan Parker made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 school calendar. Andrew Marx and Corbin White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Discuss and Vote on 2017-2018 School LAND Trust Plan – Amy Pilkington has met with the community council and they have recommended increase reading/LA and math SAGE scores. The community council set the priority in which they would like the funds spent. This plan will use the funds to pay for partial TA’s salaries for both reading and math, teacher professional development and a Chromebook lab. **Steve Barnes made a motion to approve 2017-2018 School LAND Trust Plan. Ryan Parker and Corbin White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Discuss and Vote on Home School Participation in U-PASS Policy – Amy Pilkington reviewed the Home School Participation in UPASS policy. There is a 30-day notice clause in this policy. There was a discussion on what other test that are offered at MWMA. **Andrew Marx made a motion to approve the Home School Participation in UPASS Policy. Lois Bobo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Discuss and Vote on SLP & OT Independent Contract Agreements – Amy Pilkington reviewed the SLP and OT independent contract agreements. Even though we have already approved the rates for both SLP and OT, it was recommended that we have them sign independent contractor agreements. This would help expedite payment for these folks. **Andrew Marx made a motion to approve the Speech Language Pathologist contract agreement with an hourly rate of \$75 and Occupational Therapist contract agreement with an hourly rate of \$70. Ryan Parker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

- Calendaring – ALL
 - April Pre-Board Meeting – April 18th
 - Next Board Meeting – April 25th (Ryan will be out of town)
 - UAPCS Conference (Layton) – June 6-7
 - ✓ Early Bird Registration – Ends May 12th

7:18 PM – Steve Barnes made a motion to ADJOURN. Corbin White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (Duration 1:39:30)

March Action Items:

1. Add Dress Code Policy to the April Board Meeting agenda – **Dawn**
2. PTO Committee will report on ideas for rebooting PTO at next meeting – **Dawn**