



Mountain West Montessori Academy Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 23, 2014

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

In Attendance: Dan Galli, Steve Barnes, Linda Hume, Andrew Marx

Excused: Rusty Bentley

Others in Attendance: Angie Johnson (Curriculum Director), Amy Pilkington (Director), Dawn Kawaguchi (AW), Brandon Fairbanks (AW), Kim Dohrer (AW)

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

5:40 PM – INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- Call to Order – Dan Galli
- School Vision – Andrew Marx

There was no PUBLIC COMMENT.

REPORTS

- **Director** – Amy reported on key areas that the board has chosen as top priorities for this first school year.
 - Montessori – General understanding of parents, teachers & students
 - ♣ Professional development for teachers in Montessori lessons, material, new reading program, and math resources as well as teacher drop-ins, after school trainings, morning huddles & mentoring programs
 - ♣ Documenting observations with new targeted rubric tool which guides specific goals for teachers
 - ♣ Targeting students who need additional support
 - ♣ Normalizing the classroom environment
 - ♣ Assessment training for teachers
 - ♣ Will be adding teacher iPads to track student progress in reading and math
 - ♣ Middle school teacher training on classroom management, capstone development, community meetings and general support
 - Operation/Financial Stability
 - ♣ Still hiring for TA positions
 - ♣ Preparing for October 1

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- ♣ School lunch program is up and running. We are working towards NSLP approval so that we can qualify for free & reduced lunch. Amy invited the board to come and try it. There was discussion on the duration of lunch time and why the students go out to recess before they eat.
- ♣ Lottery update. As of today we have 467 registered students. Our goal is to be a little over 470.
- ♣ Long-term rental agreement will start in November
- ♣ 1st PTO fundraiser Sept 30th – “Fall Chip-In”
- ♣ After School clubs are up and running. Lego Club had over 100 students attend.
- Creating Community/Vested
 - ♣ Parent Book Club on Montessori Today
 - ♣ Neighborhood update – Amy has been working on community relations with the homes that surround the school.
- **Board of Directors**
 - Review Action Items – Update on action items by Angie, Amy, Dawn and Brandon.
 - Update on Board emails – Dawn asked the board if ETS has sent out new log in information to the board. Since their email are working, Dawn will follow up with ETS to get them reset.

Steve Barnes made a motion to revise the agenda to allow PUBLIC COMMENT at this time. Linda Hume seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT was made by Dave & Jan Leyba.

BOARD TRAINING

- Governing Board Online Training (if available) – Dan stated that there are no new GBOTs released but Andrew will need to get set up so that he can start participating. Brandon will work with Andrew on this.

Linda Hume made a motion to approve the CONSENT ITEMS. Steve Barnes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approve August 26, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes
- Approve August 26, 2014 Closed Session Affidavit

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

- Discuss and Vote Amended 2014-2015 Budget as of September 15, 2014 – Linda briefly reviewed the budget as of September 15th. This budget is just being trued up to what is actually going on from the initial budget that was projected. **Steve Barnes made a motion to approve the amended 2014-2015 budget as of September 15, 2014. Andrew Marx seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Discuss and Vote on Teachers’ iPad purchase in the amount of \$6,942 – Amy stated that there is money in the LAND trust available which must be used to improve student

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achievement. iPads will allow the elementary teachers to more accurately track student progress through Montessori compass , it will recommend additional lessons to give to the students, as well give parents more updated information on their students. In the future it will help on DIBELS assessments because it makes the curriculum much more accessible. **Andrew Marx made a motion to approve the teachers' iPad purchase in the amount not to exceed \$6,942. Linda Hume seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

- Calendaring – ALL
 - Fall Chip-In – September 30th @ 6:30 PM
 - Next Board Meeting – October 28, 2014
- Montessori Classroom Tour – Immediately following the board meeting

6:38 PM – Linda Hume made a motion to ADJOURN and then do the classroom tour. Andrew Marx seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (Duration 59:06)

September Action Items:

- Order Board shirts for Andrew and Amy – Dawn
- Follow up with ETS on Board emails [reset all passwords and no forwards to personal emails] – Dawn
- Set Andrew up with the GBOTs – Brandon