

**Mountain West Montessori Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 22, 2014**



Location: South Jordan Library
10673 S. Redwood Road
South Jordan, UT 84095

In Attendance: Angie Johnson, Linda Hume, Steve Barnes, Rusty Bentley, Dan Galli
Others in Attendance: Brandon Fairbanks (AW), Kara Finley (AW), Dawn Kawaguchi (AW),
Jennifer Evans

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

5:42 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Angie Johnson

CONSENT ITEMS

- **Board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes**
Rusty Bentley made a motion to approve the March 25, 2014 Board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes; Linda Hume seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comments were made.

REPORTS

- **Directors Report**
Amy Pilkington provided an update to the Board regarding teacher hiring, enrollment and recruitment, as well as working on school handbooks and summer purchases.
Steve Barnes arrived at 5:44 PM.
The available teacher positions were discussed in the elementary and middle school. Hiring teachers with Montessori backgrounds, as well as the expected class sizes and the recent lottery, were reviewed.

VOTING ITEMS

- **2014-2015 Fee Schedule**
Angie Johnson reviewed the proposed fee schedule and the desire to set reasonable fees to cover school costs for the middle school program.

Steve Barnes made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 Fee Schedule; Linda Hume seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Test Administration Policy**
The Board reviewed the policy and the desire for tests to be administered ethically. Dan Galli made a motion to approve the Test Administration Policy; Rusty Bentley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Marketing/Informational Meetings**
The Board discussed enrollment in the middle school grades and the ability to recruit additional students. Marketing efforts may include hosting an outdoor movie night, participation in city days, and holding facility tours.
- **Equipment/Technology/Curriculum Order**
The administration has been receiving bids for large purchases and will continue to look at school needs and budget allocations.
- **Policy Assignments**
The Board Members were assigned policies to review in preparation for the next Board Meeting. The allowances in the Wellness Policy for food were proposed and the birthday celebrations may include healthy and appropriate snacks.
- **Accreditation Application**
The Board discussed the need to apply for accreditation in order to use the correct survey instrument.
- **Action Items and Committee Assignments**
The current action items and committee members were reviewed.
- **Calendaring**
 - Board Meeting May 27, 2014 at 5:30 PM
 - Board Retreat June 24 at 4:00 PM

TRAINING

- **Governing Board Online Training**
The Board Members discussed the trainings and the need to complete upcoming trainings as released since all Board Members are current.
- **Montessori Minute**
Angie Johnson presented on classroom chores and the ability to engage students in their environment through being involved in classroom maintenance.

ADJOURN

- Dan Galli made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting and Closed Session; Rusty Bentley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Board Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.