



Meeting Minutes

Mountain West Montessori Academy

Land Trust Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024

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

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Angie Johnson at 7:00 PM. Attendees signed in on the sheet provided.

2. Rules of Order and Procedure

Angie Johnson reviewed the meeting procedures. A quorum, defined as a majority of current council members, must be present to take official action. It was noted that while teachers can be on the council, there must be more parents than staff.

3. Nominations and Vote on Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

- **Chair:** MC Rivetti was nominated and approved as Chair.
- **Vice-Chair:** Tabitha Hemperly was nominated and approved as the Vice-Chair.

4. Training on Utah Legislative Code Title 53A Chapter 16 Section 101.5

Discussion on the responsibilities of charter schools in providing clear information about financial operations, performance metrics, and governance structures. Notably, funding for schools is based on government land revenue and student enrollment. The charter school is required to:

- Establish a school council
- Identify critical academic needs
- Implementing the approved plan

5. Human Sexuality Education Curriculum

The curriculum applies only to the 8th-grade health class and 5th-grade maturation program, requiring student opt-in with a form sent home. Parents have options to review materials and can opt out of any section. The maturation program is taught by Planned Parenthood, and the school encourages students to consult trusted adults regarding sensitive topics.

A motion was made to include all topics described in the presentation in the health code. The motion was seconded by Lexi Zucker and Tabitha Hemperly and was passed unanimously by MC Rivetti.

6. MWMA Land Trust Funds History & Current Allocation

Discussion on fund allocation increasing each year beginning at \$44K to \$68K this year. Funds are allocated based on enrollment. Spending must be connected to improving student proficiency in literacy or mathematics. Angie suggested using funds for interventionists' salaries and emphasizing a safe school environment. Additional uses of funds include Montessori training for teachers.

7. Digital Citizenship & Safety

A grant was obtained to teach digital citizenship to K-3 students using the Skill Struck program and a hired teacher trained in computer science. Cyberbullying can be addressed by the principal, and digital literacy is integrated into the curriculum across grade levels.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting: In February, the exact date TBA.