

MARIA MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 10, 2010

Location: Ogden Library
2464 Jefferson Ave.
Ogden, UT 84401



In Attendance: Shanna Francis, Linda Martinez, Geradette Banaszak, Joan Effiong

Other in Attendance: Nancy Lindeman (Director), Trent Brown (AW), Kara Finley (AW), Scott Barrett (ETS)

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Minutes

6:12 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Shanna Francis

CONSENT ITEMS

- ❖ Joan Effiong motioned to approve the April 12, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes and the May 1, 2010 Board Retreat Minutes; Linda Martinez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS (To Be Voted Upon)

- ❖ Discuss and Vote on Policies
 - Joan Effiong motioned to approve the Administration of Medication Policy with the understanding that the school handbook will state that parents must notify teachers of the medications students need; Geradette Banaszak seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - The recording was stopped momentarily to change batteries in the recorder.
 - Linda Martinez motioned to approve Arrest Reporting Policy; Geradette Banaszak seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Joan Effiong motioned to approve the Background Check Policy with the alternate statements removed from both paragraphs; Linda Martinez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ The vote on Providence Financial was tabled.
- ❖ Joan Effiong motioned to accept the Lease Agreement after final review by the Board President; Geradette Banaszak seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ The vote on School Colors was tabled.

BUSINESS ITEMS (For Discussion Only)

- ❖ Directors Report
 - There are currently 372 registered students with fifty-two students accepted since the last lottery.
 - There is an MMA 101 Cottage Meeting at 6:30 PM at the Pleasant Valley Branch Library on Thursday. There will be a PowerPoint Presentation to discuss the Montessori Method, the Playground Committee will present, and the PTO will be introduced.

- Nancy Lindeman and Linda Martinez will be interviewing two more teaching candidates. There is still a need for a lower elementary and one upper elementary teacher.
- ❖ **Academica West Report**
 - The Board was reminded that they need to complete the Annual Open Meetings Act Training as required by the state.
 - Trent Brown has been working with Nancy Lindeman to purchase furniture. The order for furniture has been placed and it should be available by the time school starts.
 - Computers are still in the process of being ordered. Nancy Lindeman has been working with Scott Barrett to make sure the school will be technologically sound. Scott Barrett introduced himself and Eminent Technical Solutions (ETS). ETS will not require MMA to sign a contract and generally is able to provide equipment at-cost for schools. They work with service providers to lower the cost for internet and phone systems to increase bandwidth. ETS has worked with many start-up schools and is currently working with five other charter schools in the area.
- ❖ The Board received sample policies that need to be adopted prior to the start of school. A committee was formed to discuss the Employment of Substitute Teachers, Extra-Curricular Activities and Building Use Policy, and the Safe Schools Policy in order for them to be voted on at the next board meeting.
- ❖ **Calendaring**
 - Cottage Meeting May 13, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the Pleasant Valley Library
 - Pool Party June 8, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the North Shore Aquatics Center
 - Board Meeting on June 14, 2010 at 6:00 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT (Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes each)

- ❖ There were no public comments.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

- ❖ Linda Martinez motioned to adjourn to a Closed Session; Geradette Banaszak seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

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7:45 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Shanna Francis

Closed Session to Personnel

ADJOURN

Geradette Banaszak motioned to adjourn the closed session; Linda Martinez seconded the motion. The Closed Session adjourned at 8:30 PM.