

MARIA MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Location: Maria Montessori Academy
2505 N. 200 E.
North Ogden, UT 84414



In Attendance: Preston Allen, Loma Prince, Joan Effiong, Yana Sprague, Linda Martinez

Others in Attendance: Nancy Lindeman (Director), Trent Brown (AW), Ryan Arrington (AW), Kara Finley (AW)

The mission of Maria Montessori Academy is to provide an individualized grade K-6 education that promotes academic excellence founded on the authentic philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori. MMA will craft each child's education in partnership with educators and parents to achieve higher levels of academic, personal and social achievement, thereby preparing students to become constructive contributors to their community.

MINUTES

6:05 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Preston Allen

REPORTS

- ❖ Ryan Arrington provided the Budget Report. He disseminated an updated budget and discussed the tracking process for Special Education funding and its consistency with the approved budget. The Board discussed the allocation of funds according to what has been received and when the next budget approval needs to be done by the Board. The budget looks good and there aren't any concerns at this time.

BUSINESS ITEMS (To Be Voted Upon)

- ❖ Preston Allen explained the PTIF and the opportunity to invest money at a higher rate while still being able to withdraw money. Yana Sprague motioned to approve investing \$50,000 in the Public Treasury Investment Fund (PTIF); Linda Martinez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Ryan Arrington was dismissed at 6:24 PM.

CONSENT ITEMS

- ❖ Linda Martinez motioned to approve the November 8, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes; Loma Prince seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Loma Prince motioned to ratify Gwen Roeda as a new hire; Yana Sprague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

- ❖ Nancy Lindeman provided the Directors Report. She discussed the facilities and thanked North Ogden City for enhancing the safety of students and adding red curbing and no parking signs around the school grounds. A Parent Education Night was held, January parents are invited to come to school with their student, and sixth graders are sponsoring a food and clothing drive. Nancy also discussed the academic achievement of students and mission and vision of the school. She also explained the process for teachers to be MACTE certified and how five teachers are completing their oral and written exams this month. Trent Brown told the Board about the solar panel grant that was received and will be installed at MMA and the impact it will have on reducing electricity bills. Nancy also informed the Board that she is in the process of completing mid-year evaluations and observations.

BUSINESS ITEMS (To Be Voted Upon)

- ❖ Nancy Lindeman explained the conference and teachers that will be in attendance. Loma Prince motioned to approve the American Montessori Society Conference Registration Fees for \$4,320; Joan Effiong seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Nancy Lindeman explained the airlines ticket purchase for the conference. Yana Sprague motioned to

approve the Southwest Airlines Purchase for \$2440.80 and \$2440.80; Loma Prince seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- ❖ The Board discussed the calendar and professional development days and evaluations. Linda Martinez motioned to approve the 2012-2013 School Calendar; Yana Sprague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS (For Discussion Only)

- ❖ Kara Finley reviewed the proposed Charter Amendment with the Board and the additional items that will need to be included. The amendment will be reviewed and should be submitted to the State Charter School Office by January 15th.
- ❖ Calendaring:
 - The State Charter Board Meeting is on February 9th at 9:00 AM.
 - The USOE sponsored Brian Carpenter training is on February 9th at 5:30 PM.
 - There will be no Board Meeting in February.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- ❖ Loma Prince led the review on Charter School Board University Chapter 6. She discussed the purpose of School Boards and the need to represent the owner, meet community needs, and ensure ethical and legal needs are met. The Board discussed the accountability to the stakeholders and the owners and ensuring that the global vision is held to those standards.

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

- ❖ No public comment was made.

ADJOURN

- ❖ Yana Sprague motioned to adjourn the Board Meeting; Loma Prince seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously,
Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.