

MARIA MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

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



In Attendance: Preston Allen, Rosemary White, Yana Sprague, Joan Effiong, Loma Prince

Not in Attendance: Linda Martinez

Others in Attendance: Nancy Lindeman (Director), Ryan Arrington (AW), Kara Finley (AW), Emily Goddard, Lora Dabb, Stephanie Speicher

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

6:00 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Preston Allen

BUSINESS ITEMS (For Discussion Only)

- ❖ The Junior High Committee presented to the Board grade expansion options. Lora Dabb discussed location possibilities and the use of portables as well as the need to amend the charter to increase enrollment numbers to accommodate for junior high students. The Board discussed the various enrollment projections and financing options. The Board will research this further and decide on an enrollment timeline.
Break from 6:42 PM – 6:47 PM to change meeting rooms.

CONSENT ITEMS

- ❖ Joan Effiong motioned to approve the September 13, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes and the September 26, 2011 Electronic Board Meeting Minutes; Yana Sprague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

- ❖ Nancy Lindeman provided the Directors Report. The October 1 Count is complete and enrollment numbers were up. Nancy also updated the Board on the physical facilities, school climate, and academic achievement of the school. The school won \$5,000 from Kleenex for field trips, reading groups are started, and the NWAC team is established.
- ❖ Rosemary White provided the Budget Report. The Board discussed the final lease payments and the current bond payments.
- ❖ Yana Sprague provided the MAPA Report. Last month the general MAPA meeting was held and the annual plan and budget were adopted. There is a large group of parent volunteers that have cataloged all the books in the library. The playground committee is working on replacing dead trees. MAPA is looking at options for other student activities and clubs.

BUSINESS ITEMS (To Be Voted Upon)

- ❖ The Board discussed the areas involved in the UCA and the budgeted amounts. Loma Prince motioned to approve the Utah Consolidated Application Plans (UCA) including the Title IA Plan, Title IIA Plan, Accelerated Students Program Plan (Gifted and Talented), Enhancement for At-Risk Students Plan, Early Childhood Programs K-3 Reading Achievement, IDEA Plan; Rosemary White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ The Board discussed the limitations of the Paid Time Off Policy and the allowable amount of PTO day

donations. Yana Sprague motioned to approve the Donation of Paid Time Off Policy with the discussed changes; Loma Prince seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- ❖ The Board discussed officer positions and Rosemary White submitted a letter of resignation. Rosemary was thanked for her service to the school over the past two years. The officer positions will be discussed and voted on at the next Board Meeting along with Rosemary's resignation.

BUSINESS ITEMS (For Discussion Only)

- ❖ The next Board Meeting is on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 5:30 PM.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- ❖ Rosemary White presented on Charter School Board University Chapter 4. The chapter discussed the reasons why charter schools struggle and the need to avoid the common pitfalls.

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

- ❖ No public comment was made.

ADJOURN

- ❖ Rosemary White motioned to adjourn the Board Meeting; Loma Prince seconded the motion. Meeting passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.