

# MARIA MONTESSORI ACADEMY

## Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

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



**In Attendance:** Preston Allen, Loma Prince, Yana Sprague, Stephanie Speicher, Dore Elmer

**Excused:** Joan Effiong

**Others in Attendance:** Nancy Lindeman (Director), Kim Dohrer (AW), Sheldon Killpack (AW), Ryan Arrington (AW), Kara Finley (AW)

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### MINUTES

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**5:45 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Preston Allen**

#### **MONTESSORI PHILOSOPHY TRAINING**

- ❖ Montessori Today Chapter 6 training was tabled.

#### **CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL & PROPERTY**

- ❖ Dore Elmer made a motion to enter a Closed Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or sale of real property and to discuss an individual's character, professional competence, or physical or mental health; Stephanie Speicher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows:

Preston Allen – AYE  
Loma Prince – AYE  
Stephanie Speicher – AYE  
Dore Elmer – AYE  
Yana Sprage – AYE

Entered Closed Session at 5:46 PM.

Sheldon Killpack was dismissed at 6:36 PM.

Stephanie Speicher was dismissed from 6:38 PM – 7:20 PM.

- ❖ Loma Prince made a motion to adjourn the Closed Session and enter the Board Meeting; Yana Sprague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows:

Preston Allen – AYE  
Loma Prince – AYE  
Stephanie Speicher – AYE  
Dore Elmer – AYE  
Yana Sprage – AYE

Adjourned Closed Session and entered Board Meeting at 7:21 PM.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

- ❖ **Board Meeting Minutes**

Dore Elmer made a motion to approve the February 12, 2013 Board Meeting & Closed Session Minutes and the February 21, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes; Stephanie Speicher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ **New Hires**

Stephanie Speicher made a motion to approve Rob Garrett as the New Hire to be the Middle School Lead; Yana Sprague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- ❖ No public comments were made.

**REPORTING**

❖ **MAPA Update**

Dore Elmer updated the Board on the upcoming Gala as well as the book fair funds that were earned. The Safety Committee created emergency kits for each classroom, as well as upcoming events that include teacher appreciation week, a student art show, and the MAPA General Meeting. The MAPA Board is set for next year and new positions have been added, as well as new committee chairs. Nancy Lindeman thanked MAPA for their hard work and dedication to the school. The recorder was stopped momentarily to change batteries.

❖ **Directors Report**

Nancy Lindeman discussed the enrollment numbers and student attendance. The fifth graders have completed DWA testing, interviews are taking place for upper elementary and junior high positions. A parent education night took place on technology and students.

**VOTING ITEMS**

❖ **Junior High Facilities & Land**

Stephanie Speicher made a motion to approve remodeling the building for the grade expansion up to \$45,000; Yana Sprague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dore Elemer made a motion to purchase the adjacent land at the discussed purchase price; Loma Prince seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Yana Sprague made a motion to apply for the additional maximum Revolving Loan funds for 2014-2015 and the RCAC Loan for land purchase; Stephanie Speicher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ **School LAND Trust Fund**

Nancy Lindeman reviewed the 2012-2013 School LAND Trust Plan and the proposed 2013-2014 School Plan and the changes between the two plans.

Loma Prince made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 School LAND Trust Plan; Stephanie Speicher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

❖ **Review Dress Code Policy**

Nancy Lindeman discussed the potential dress code for the Junior High. She will revise the policy and get it to the Board for review at the April Board Meeting.

Yana Sprague was dismissed at 7:59 PM.

**REPORTING**

❖ **Budget Report**

Loma Prince reviewed the budget and Ryan Arrington presented it to the Board. The budget is operating on a surplus and overall the budget is in good condition.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

❖ **Board Member Terms**

Preston Allen reviewed the Board Member terms and the terms that will be expiring at the end of the school year along with Board Meeting attendance.

❖ **Action Item Review**

The Action Items from the last Board Meeting were reviewed as well as the assignments from this Board Meeting.

❖ **Calendaring**

- Board Meeting April 16, 2013 at 6:00 PM
- Summer Retreat June 14-15, 2013
- Pool Party & Garage Sale July 16, 2013

**ADJOURN**

- ❖ Dore Elmer made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting; Stephanie Speicher seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.  
Board Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

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