

MARIA MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 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 (by phone)

Excused: Joan Effiong

Others in Attendance: Nancy Lindeman (Director), Kim Dohrer (AW), Kara Finley (AW), Ryan Arrington (AW), Joy Baty, Joe Baty

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MINUTES

6:07 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Preston Allen

DISCUSSION ITEMS

❖ **Preschool**

Preston Allen introduced Joy and Joe Baty and the prospect of adding a preschool program to the school. Nancy Lindeman discussed the MACTE Accreditation process in June. Joy Baty discussed the current program at the school and the possibility of adding three and four year olds to the preschool to create an authentic early childhood Montessori program. The contractor costs regarding fixed and variable costs were discussed including personnel and insurance. The Board discussed issuing an RFP for services for two weeks and then reviewing proposals and will discuss and vote on it further at a Board Meeting on April 12, 2013 at Noon.

Joy Baty and Joe Baty were excused at 6:57 PM.

CONSENT ITEMS

❖ **Board Meeting & Closed Session Minutes**

Loma Prince made a motion to approve the March 12, 2013 Board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes; Stephanie Speicher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

❖ No public comment was made.

REPORTING

❖ **MAPA Update**

Dore Elmer discussed the money fundraised at the Gala, the committees that are being created, and the book fairs arranged for next year. The Board expressed their gratitude to MAPA for a wonderful Gala that was well executed and a great event.

❖ **Directors Report**

Nancy Lindeman updated the Board on the status of the school and enrollment. The Science Fair for sixth graders yielded a great experience for the students. The school is preparing to take the CRT's this month and sixth graders leave for their trip on Friday. Teachers are being interviewed for next fall and training is getting set up for staff.

❖ **Budget Report**

Ryan Arrington provided details on the budget. He discussed the budgeted allowances and the school is

on par with spending for the year. He discussed restricted funding and special education services in regards to the budget and the increased expenses based on student needs. The budget will need to be adjusted in order to cover costs and there are other areas where funding is available.

VOTING ITEMS

❖ **Junior High Fee Schedule**

Nancy Lindeman reviewed the fee schedule and what it will cover for the 2013-2014 school year. The Board discussed the funding and how it will be tracked in the budget.

Stephanie Speicher made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 school year Junior High Fee Schedule; Yana Sprague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ **PTIF Funding**

Preston Allen discussed the PTIF and allocating additional funds to that account when available in May or June to earn additional interest.

Loma Prince made a motion to table the PTIF funding to the June Board Meeting; Stephanie Speicher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ **Dress Code Policy**

Nancy Lindeman discussed the updates to the Dress Code Policy, including adding in the clarifications from the original policy and the Junior High section. The Board discussed keeping clothing modest and allowing for students individuality. Discussed changes and revisions were made to the policy.

Dore Elmer made a motion to approve the revised Dress Code Policy; Yana Sprague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

❖ **E-Rate Resolution**

The Board reviewed the E-Rate services and funding that is received.

Yana Sprague made a motion to approve the Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2013-2014 – This resolution authorizes filing of the Form 471 applications for funding year 2013-2014 and the payment of the applicant's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services; Stephanie Speicher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

❖ **School Land Trust**

Dore Elmer reviewed the changes to the community council and funding to the School Land Trust program. The committee recommended creating a funding floor and the changes will go before the USOE Board of Education for review and approval.

❖ **Action Item Review**

Preston Allen reviewed the action items and their status as well as discussed that Joan Effiong's work schedule will be changing and she'll be back next month.

Yana Sprague was dismissed at 8:40 PM.

❖ **Calendaring**

- Board Meeting April 12, 2013 at 12:00 PM
- Board Meeting May 14, 2013 at 5:30 PM
- Summer Retreat June 14-15, 2013

BOARD GOVERNANCE TRAINING

- ❖ Charter School Board University Chapter 10 will be tabled to the May Board Meeting.
Nancy Lindeman was excused at 8:52 PM.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

- ❖ Loma Prince made a motion to enter a Closed Session 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

Entered Closed Session at 8:52 PM.

Kim Dohrer was excused at 9:38 PM.

ADJOURN

- ❖ Loma Prince made a motion to adjourn the Closed Session and Board Meeting; Dore Elmer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, the votes were as follows:

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